

**THE HISTORY OF
THE MARVEL FAMILY
THE DESCENDANTS OF
PRETTYMAN AND LAVINA (ROGERS) MARVEL**

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A significant part of Ms. Burwell's book – a section entitled Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth Generations, pages 172 through 280 – has been removed to protect the privacy of descendants, as many people covered therein are still living. While the preface of this book indicates that it was written in July 1968, parts of it were written latter than that: parts of the deleted section included dates after July 1968.

Ms. Burwell has derived this book from the work of Ella Armstrong Yeakel, who produced *The History of the Marvel Family* circa 1920s, a very poor copy of which can be found on microfilm at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City (and a hard copy may exist at the Newberry Library in Chicago). With deletion of the section just noted, it is doubtful that Ms. Burwell's version includes any new information. It appears that no attempt was made to find and correct any errors made by Ms. Yeakel. But since she appears to have taken great pains to have been thorough, there likely aren't many mistakes to be found. But for a work of the size and scope of hers, some small errors are inevitable, especially when relying upon people's fading memories rather than public records.

To provide an easy means of navigating of this book, bookmarks have been, as well as a brief table of contents. While there is an index, it appears to cover only the first 44 pages, up to the Sixth Generation, which is the generation of Prettyman and Lavina (Rogers) Marvel. This truncated version Ms. Burwell's book covers up to Generation Eight.

It is hoped that by making this version available at Internet Archives the work of Ms. Yeakel will become more accessible to interested descendants. She has written an exceptional family history that needs to be shared as widely as possible. And we can thank Ms. Burwell for providing a clean transcription of Ms. Yeakel's book, as that will increase the likelihood that the text version of this file created by Internet Archives will have a high degree of accuracy, making it easier for descendants to find information about specific ancestors.

-Steve Malone

PREFACE

Each member of the Marvel family in this book is numbered. The emigrant ancestor, John Marvel (1632-1707) is number 1. His first child, regardless of sex, becomes 11 and his second child becomes 12. If someone is of the 9th generation, his number may be one such as this: 12134-10-332. The first 1 is the original ancestor (John Marvel), the figure 2 indicates the 2nd child (Thomas) of number 1; the next figure 1 indicates the 1st child (David) of the preceding number 2; the figure 3 indicates the 3rd child (Prettyman) of the preceding number 1; the figure 4 indicates the 4th child (Prettyman, Jr.) of the preceding number 3; the figure 10 indicates the 10th child (Wiley) of the preceding number 4. (Only numbers 10 and above are hyphenated.) The figure 3, following the hyphen, indicates the 3rd child (Otis) of the preceding number 10; the next figure 3 indicates the third child (Maurice) of the preceding number 3; the next figure 2 indicates the second child (John) of the preceding number 3. Thus 1 is John Marvel and 12134-10-332 is another John Marvel.

Most of the research of the first two generations of the Marvel family was done by Mrs. Daisy (Marvel) Jones, formerly of Indiana but now living in Mesa, Arizona. Sources of information were genealogical studies, court records of deeds and recorded wills found in Accomac County, Virginia; Dover and Georgetown, Delaware and Indianapolis, Indiana. Mrs. Ella (Armstrong) Yeakel (1870-1956), who wrote a Marvel history in the 1920's, spent many years amassing information from genealogical sources available at that time and contacting Marvel descendants. This book is a reprint of her work with additions made, due to the increased interest in genealogy since her work was printed. Dr. John Everett Marvel and Ethel Fern (Marvel) Blomberg of Waynesville, Illinois worked with Mrs. Yeakel, as did Judge Josiah Marvel of Wilmington, Delaware.

It has been possible to bring the history of the descendants of Prettyman Marvel, Jr. up to the present date by obtaining records in county offices of many states, Bible records and the cooperation of many people who are interested in preserving the heritage handed down to us.

Additional resource material is found in the following books:

Abridged Compendium of American Genealogy - Virkus
Burke's Peerage - 1939
Early Virginia Immigrants - Greer
Fairbairn's Crests of Leading Families in Britain and Ireland
History of Dearborn and Ohio Counties, Indiana
History of Delaware - 1899 - Runk
History of Delaware - 1908 - Conrad
History of DeWitt County, Illinois - 1880
History of Gibson County, Indiana - 1914 - Hormont
History of Logan County, Illinois - 1878
History of Logan County, Illinois - 1886
History of Williamsburg, South Carolina - 1923 - Broddie
Portraits and Biographical Album - DeWitt and Piatt
Counties, Illinois - 1891
Purse and Persons - Hidden
Virginia's Eastern Shore - Whitelaw

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EVOLUTION OF THE NAME MARVEL

The pride of ancestry seems to be innate in nearly everyone, and there are very few who claim indifference to the origin of their family or its name. It has been asserted that "he who cares nothing about his ancestors will rarely achieve anything worthy of being remembered by his descendants." The knowledge of the origin of our family name brings to us a generous enthusiasm and a harmless vanity created by the fact of its antiquity. The family name, Marvel, is not the result of any scientifically created system of nomenclature, but the result of an adoption of a place-name by the first man who bore it.

When the gallant Robert de Merveille left his native hamlet in France, to pursue fame and adventure with William the Conqueror, in the eleventh century, he became the progenitor of a family who for nine hundred years has borne his name.

The family name, Merveille, takes its origin from a town in what is today a part of France, though in the middle ages when surnames were in the process of formation, it was a part of maritime Flanders. This name was first applied to Robert because his friends found it a convenient label to distinguish him from others bearing the same given name. No more natural method of referring to the man of alien birth could have arisen to designate him from others than this custom of attaching the name of the locality from whence he came. Thus, Robert became the bearer of the name of his native town, Merveille.

This peaceful French village, with its quaint old stone houses, is situated in the valley of the river Lys. It was the scene of tragic conflict during World War I when the Allied and German armies fought in the last great battle for military control of the French seaports along the English Channel. The spelling of the name of this town, Merveille, has been modernized to the form of Merville.

The early form of the name Merveille was retained for a period of two centuries or more in England, in which the Norman Conquerors spoke only French, the language they brought across the Channel with them. The Anglo-Saxon language was spoken by the conquered population. The nobility was almost without exception of the former race. Hence, in the castles only the French language was spoken and, naturally, the French forms of names prevailed. Robert of Merveille was written Robert de Merveille since "de" is the French word meaning of.

Later, due to the political severance of Normandy from England, there was an amalgamation of language that was basically Anglo-Saxon, and from which modern English has developed. During this period "de" was dropped from its former usage in family names. Thus de Merveille became Merveille.

During the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, surnames had their period of formation and became permanently established. Custom decreed that a person should be known by his father's name. About this time the Anglo-Saxon influence began to assert itself upon the spelling of the family names. For this reason, Merveille changed to Merveyle and Merveyl. The name, Geoffrey Merveyle, appears on the Patent Rolls in 1202. In 1273, the names of Richard Merveyle and Warin Merveyl appear on the Hundred Roll of County Cambridge. (A hundred is a division of a county in England, supposed to have originally contained a hundred families or freemen.)

For five centuries following the Norman Conquest, the language in England made a constant and rapid change. During this time, English was in a state of dialectical confusion. The spelling of words was unstable and varied in form. By 1350, the name had become Mervaile. Out of this grew the family name of Mervell. There were families of Mervells who lived at Meldreth, Cambridge. Mervell is a variation of Marvell.

In 1843, the Herald's College, an ancient corporation dependent on the crown, was established in England by Richard III. This College of Arms retains from the Middle Ages, the charge of the armorial bearings of persons privileged to bear them. In Burke's "General Armory of England, Scotland and Wales," there is registered all the old and noble families who were granted a coat of arms. From this list the names "Marvell, Marvyle, Morvill and Morvil" are quoted.

At the beginning of the sixteenth century, the name is recorded Marvyle. This family is regarded with highest dignity and exalted rank because of their claim to a coat of arms. In the spelling of that age, Marvyle became Marvel or Marvil.

In the peninsula of the Cotentin, Normandy was located the ancient castle of Morvill (sometimes spelled Morville) constructed in the eleventh century. It was built on a high rock of granite, towering over the surrounding area. This castle was enclosed by high walls of granite, with narrow apertures constructed to exclude arrows or flaming brands. Since the occupants of castles in that age were sometimes given to feuds, it was necessary to fortify themselves in a manner to make it possible to subdue their equals.

Hugh of Morville Castle left his native land, endowed with the Norman spirit of enterprize, and became the founder of the English house of de Mervill in 1158. He rendered knight services to Henry II. When a clash arose between the King and Thomas Becket, English Chancellor and Archbishop of Canterbury, Hugh de Mervill was one of the four knights of the royal household to take an oath to force Becket into submission. The conflict was brought to a close by an act of zealous chivalry in the death of Becket. However, this aroused the ire of the Pope to such an extent it was necessary for the four knights to remain in hiding for a year in Knaresborough Castle, a place in Morvill's keeping. This old castle, founded in the eleventh century by Serle de Burgh, was built above the Nidd River in Yorkshire. Later it was granted to Robert de Stuteville, whose descendant became the wife of Hugh de Morvill.

Hugh de Morvill (some records give de Mervill) had his chief estate on Burgh-on Sands, Cumberland. Apparently he lived until 1202 or 1203 when his English estates passed into the hands of his two daughters, Ada and Johanna.

The de Morvills and Morvils (another form of the same name) each had a coat of arms, which signifies that they were held in high repute. Some of them held worthy positions in the northern part of England. The town of Morville in Shropshire derived its name from a line in this family. The name Morvill became illustrious in Scotland where it finally became Marvell. It is recorded as an extinct baronage.

The Morville name continued in France. Comte de Morville, born in Paris in 1688, was a French diplomat. He became Minister to Foreign Affairs in 1723 and was elected to the French Academy in the same year. He died in 1732.

In the village of Meldreth in Cambridgeshire, England, there is an old manor house called "The Marvells." It was in Meldreth in 1586 that Reverend Andrew Marvell was born. He married Anne Pease, a member of an old and politically famous family of England. In the district of Holderness, Yorkshire, England, Rev. Andrew Marvell was serving the parish of Winestead, when their son was born on Easter Day, March 31, 1621. He was given the name Andrew Marvell, the same as his father. He was educated at Trinity College in Cambridge and became secretary to John Milton, the poet. In 1660 he was elected to Parliament from Hull, which parish he represented honorably until his death on August 16, 1678. He was well known for his writing ability, and was called the "Poet of Gardens" because of his intense admiration of flowers.

The name of William Marvel is recorded in 1702 on the baptismal roll of St. James, Clerkenwell, a district on the north side of London. In 1724, the marriage of Richard Marvel and Elizabeth Walford is recorded at St. Mary Aldermary, London. These reports go to show that the spelling of the name, Marvel, was used two hundred years ago in the same way it is today. It is chiefly in Yorkshire that the surname exists in this form.

Perhaps no better conclusion can be offered to our readers than the following quotation:

"No virtuously disposed mind can look back upon a long line of truly venerable ancestors without feeling his motive to a virtuous life strengthened. He can scarcely help feeling that it is not for you to be the first to bring disgrace upon his lineage. It will, however, lead him to reflect that his posterity will also be looking back and comparing life with that of his progenitors."

THE MARVEL FAMILY IN ENGLAND

In 1930, Charles A. O'Conner, a New York genealogist, went to England to search parish records, which included the Marvels. He found most registers did not go beyond 1550 and, when they did, it was impossible to decipher the records.

The Marvel records show the following:

John Marvell, born about 1540, in Melbourne, Cambridgeshire, England, married about 1560 - (Name of wife not given).
Issue:

Robert, ye sonne of John Marvell,
baptized November 25, 1561
Jane, ye daughter of John Marvell,
baptized November 15, 1563
John, ye sonne of John Marvell,
baptized November 2, 1569

The last mentioned John Marvell married and had a son, Thomas Marvell, born in Melbourn, Cambridgeshire, England in 1594.

Thomas Marvell married Mary Wright June 8, 1617.

Issue:

Thomas, born in Melbourn, May 10, 1618
Mary, born in Melbourn, April 14, 1620
Daniel, born in Melbourn, September 3, 1623
Susanna, born in Melbourn, April 18, 1626
Robert, born in Melbourn, November 22, 1629
John, born in Melbourn, August 4, 1632

The last named, John Marvell, emigrated to America and is the ancestor of the Marvels in this genealogy. With the above information, we have the direct lineage of the Marvels for more than four centuries.

Charles A. O'Conner also included records of Daniel Marvell, a brother of the John Marvell who was born in 1540. Daniel Marvell was born in Melbourn, Cambridgeshire, England about 1550. Issue:

Thomas, ye sonne of Daniel Marvell,
baptized 19 June, 1575
John, ye sonne of Daniel Marvell,
baptized 6 January, 1576
Edward, ye sonne of Daniel Marvell,
baptized 7 December, 1581
Agnes, ye daughter of Daniel Marvell,
baptized 7 October, 1581
Warren, ye sonne of Daniel Marvell,
baptized 27 February, 1584

FIRST GENERATION

1 - John Marvel (1632-1707)

When John Marvel, the first member of the Marvel family, migrated to America, he settled in Accomac County, Virginia. Records show he was born August 4, 1632 in Melbourn, Cambridge Shire, England. (A shire in England is the same as a county.) In the

book "Early Virginia Immigrants - 1623-1666" by George Greer is found the name of one John Marvel. A book in the Accomac library contains this notation: "May 10, 1652 Charles Scarburgh, son of Col. Edmund Scarburgh, 3050 acres in Northampton County, Virginia, transfer of 61 persons from England." John Marvel's name is included in this list. John Marvel entered land in 1652 and again in 1653. The land registry was made in Northampton County, where the land office was located. Accomac County is adjacent to Northampton County and was made a separate county in 1663. It should be remembered that at this early date Virginia's boundary lines were indefinite. Virginia contained all land that later went to the States of Delaware, Maryland and Pennsylvania as well as parts of other states.

The records show that John Marvel was married to Ann West, daughter of Johnathan and Catherine Weat, in 1663. Her dates of birth and death are given as 1632 and 1710. The date of death is questioned because of the will of John Marvel, dated 1707, in which he mentions his housekeeper, one Matilda West, and not his wife Ann.

The will of John Marvel dated February 3, 1707 and recorded February 18, 1707 lists him as age 75 and names his son, Thomas Marvel. It also names Jonathan West, Mrs. Catherine West and Mrs. Matilda West. Catherine West was the name of his mother-in-law, but it seems unlikely that she should be alive at that time. It could very well have been a namesake and perhaps a niece of his wife, Ann.

The record shows that Mrs. Matilda West was the daughter of Col. Edmond West and Mary (Scarburg) West and the widow of John West, whom she had married in 1655. John West died in 1703. Matilda West may have been a sister-in-law. She was named executrix of the will.

Quakers lived in Accomac County, Virginia as early as 1656. As their numbers increased, they were so harshly treated that a large number of them fled into Maryland at the invitation of Governor Calvert, who granted each 50 acres. Among them was Matilda West, the widow of John West.

It is possible that John and Ann (West) Marvel had migrated to Maryland at an earlier date. Somerset and Worcester Counties in Maryland are adjacent to Accomac County, Virginia. Somerset County, Maryland was created in 1666 and divided in 1742

when Worcester County was formed. There were boundary disputes between the states, and later this part of Worcester County was given to the State of Delaware. Records show John Marvel lived in the area of Worcester County, Maryland, although it was known as Somerset County at the time of his death.

SECOND GENERATION

12 - Thomas Marvel (1682-1757)

John and Ann (West) Marvel had two sons, John, Jr. and Thomas. Records of their birth dates conflict. It seems apparent, however, that one was born in 1674 and the other in 1682.

One record gives John, Jr. as born in 1682. This seems highly questionable because of records of deeds and court cases available. There is a record indicating that John Marvell, Sr. apprenticed his son, John, Jr., to William Jarman to be educated and employed at his discretion. In consideration whereof, William Jarman was to give to John Marvel, Jr. 100 acres of land. The deed book (1676-1690) in Accomac County, Virginia names William Jarman, grantor and John Marvel, Jr., grantee, for 100 acres of land by agreement. This is dated May 16, 1682. It is questionable that this transaction would have taken place when John, Jr. was an infant. It is more plausible at age 8.

There are records of deeds between John Marvell, Jr. and Samuel Young dated February 19, 1694. Again it is questionable that this would have transpired when John, Jr. was 12 years of age. Age 20 is much more plausible. Furthermore, there is on record a deed from John Marvill, Jr. to John and Ann Marvil dated October 14, 1695 stating "to my mother and father, John and Ann, his wife, the land whereon they now live during their lifetime." This action would probably have taken place when John, Jr. was 21 years of age rather than at 13. You will note the variations in the spelling of the name even in the same document.

The name is found spelled Marvell, as well as Marvil, Marvill, Marvel and Marvell. They are all undoubtedly the same name with variations due to the interpretation of hand-written records.

The facts lead one to the conclusion John, Jr. was born in 1674. He was a bachelor and left no heirs. Since the will of John, Sr. does not mention John, Jr., one might conclude that either John, Jr. had preceded his father in death, or since John, Jr. apparently owned land, he did not need to be considered in the will.

If the above facts substantiate 1674 as the birthdate of John, Jr., then 1682 seems to be the more likely birthdate for Thomas, the other son, whom the records show was born in Worcester County, Maryland. No daughters were mentioned in any of the records examined.

Since the will of John Marvel, Sr. left to his son, Thomas, one "heaffer", one can conclude that any worldly goods accumulated by Thomas Marvel came by his own efforts and not by inheritance. Deeds and records of land transactions in the Hall of Records at Dover, Delaware, indicate that Thomas Marvel accumulated considerable property during his lifetime.

Thomas Marvel married Elizabeth Huggins (1684-1755) of Somerset County, Maryland on June 16, 1720. She was the daughter of Edmund and Ann (-) Huggins of Somerset County, Maryland. The records list the following children born to Thomas and Elizabeth (Huggins) Marvel:

David - January 5, 1721 (records also show 1727 and 1729)

Thomas - November 11, 1732 (other records show 1730)

Phillip - November 30, 1735

Robert - May 15, 1737

Abigail - April 5, 1723

Viley Clear - December 14, 1726

The will of Thomas Marvel, dated March 28, 1753 names his sons David, Thomas, Phillip and Robert. It gives to Robert the plantation of 150 acres and the dwelling in return for the care of the father, Thomas, in his old age. Since the daughters are not mentioned in his will, it may be presumed they had died, or perhaps married and were sufficiently taken care of. At this time, it was customary for the sons to inherit their father's estate.

THIRD GENERATION

121 - David Marvel (1721-1796)

David Marvel, oldest son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Huggins) Marvel, was born in Sussex County, Delaware. There is some question as to the exact year. Records have been given as 1721, 1727 and 1729. The day given as January 5. Since 1721 seems most plausible it is the date used in this account.

David grew to manhood on his father's plantation. From the earliest times, peach growing was one of the main industries of Delaware and the Marvel family gave much attention to their orchards. From the luscious fruit they made brandy. A flagon of this beverage always stood upon the family table, and occupied a special position upon every festal board.

They also gave their attention to the raising of fine horses. Of the four sons of Thomas Marvel, David was said to have an especial liking for horses. When he went courting no young man in Delaware rode a finer saddle horse.

His sweetheart, Sarah Prettyman, was the daughter of Thomas, Jr. and Elizabeth (Enloes) Prettyman. John and Mary (?) Prettyman, her emigrant ancestors, came from England to Maryland about 1636. By July 1643, they had migrated to Northampton County, Virginia. They owned extensive tracts of land here and in Accomac County. Later their descendants went to Delaware and became wealthy land owners.

One record gives Sarah Prettyman's birth date as 1725 and the date of her marriage to David Marvel as 1744. Both dates seem questionable.

David and Sarah (Prettyman) Marvel were the parents of six children: Prudence, Patience, Prettyman, Elizabeth, David, Jr. and Burton.

The will of David Marvel, dated January 4, 1796, is recorded in the Hall of Records in Dover, Delaware, as are the wills of his brothers, Thomas, Jr., Phillip and Robert.

In David Marvel's will, proved February 9, 1796, he bequeathed all his lands and living to his wife, Salla, to be at her disposal during her life or widowhood and at her deceasage or marriage his land was to be divided between sons, David and Burton.

To daughter Elizabeth, he bequeathed one cupboard, one dozen pewter plates and one spinning wheel. To daughter in law, Polly Prettyman, he bequeathed one feather bed and furniture, one spinning wheel, one chest and pewter dish, four pewter plates, six pewter spoons, two chairs, one earthen pan and one basin. To daughter, Patience Knowles, he bequeathed one shilling sterling. To son, Prettyman he bequeathed one shilling sterling and thirty five dollars due him for his part of said land. (In the estate inventory he received an amount of thirteen pounds, four shillings and six pence). After paying funeral charges and other expenses the rest of his living was to be divided between the three youngest children, Elizabeth, David and Burton Marvel.

The inventory of the estate of David Marvel (except the land) amounted to 98 pounds, 16 shillings and 6 pence and left 58 pounds, 11 shillings and 5 pence to be given to Elizabeth, David and Burton.

Since daughter, Prudence, is not mentioned in her father's will it is assumed she had died before 1796. In early days the term "in law" was used to denote "step". No doubt Polly was a step daughter.

Soon after David Marvel's death his widow married Moses Daisy. Sarah (Prettyman) Marvel Daisy died in 1801 in Sussex County, Delaware.

Thomas Marvel, Jr., brother of David, married Susanna Parker. She was the mother of his children. His second wife was Patience, last name unknown. The will of Thomas Marvel, Jr., dated December 15, 1801, names the following children: Thomas, Joseph, Parker, Stephen, Robert, Eli, Obediah, Elisha and Patience. Two other children, Elizabeth and Isaac, mentioned in another record, are not listed in his will. No doubt they were dead by this time.

Phillip P. Marvel, third son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Huggins) Marvel, married Comfort Rodney (1738-1802). They were the parents of eleven children: Phillip, Rhoda, Thomas, Adam, William, David, Aaron, Mary, Chloe, Rodney and Rebecca. The will of Phillip P. Marvel, dated May 12, 1795, mentions nine children. Rodney and Rebecca probably died in childhood.

Robert Marvel, youngest son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Huggins) Marvel, married Rachel Chase. They were the parents of nine children: Ann, Thomas, Joseph, Robert, Chloe, Patience,

Phillip, Rachel and Betty. His will is dated March 27, 1772 and recorded July 25, 1775. The will of Rachel (Chase) Marvel is dated August 27, 1791 and was probated September 5, 1791. She does not mention Thomas so he probably died before reaching maturity.

The other two members of the third generation were girls: Abigail and Viley Clear Marvel.

FOURTH GENERATION

1213 - Prettyman Marvel (1763-1856)

Prettyman Marvel is the direct ancestor of the line of Marvels being traced in this history. He is the great grandson of the emigrant, John Marvel. He is the grandson of Thomas Marvel and a nephew of Thomas Marvel, Jr., Phillip Marvel and Robert Marvel.

Prettyman Marvel, son of David and Sarah (Prettyman) Marvel was born in Sussex County, Delaware, January 29, 1763. He was the first to bear the given name of Prettyman and must have been an admirable character, as the name was carried down in the family for several generations. He was a small child at the time of the Revolutionary War and, in his later years, often told how he and other youths protected their homes from bands of marauders who came to pillage and destroy.

In 1788, he was married to Lavina Rogers, daughter of John and Comfort (Prettyman) Rogers. Sarah (Prettyman) Marvel and Comfort (Prettyman) Rogers were daughters of Thomas, Jr. and Elizabeth (Enloes) Prettyman.

Prettyman and Lavina (Rogers) Marvel made their home in Sussex County, Delaware among their many relatives and friends. On April 8, 1794 their first child, John Marvel, was born. Two years later, a daughter was born. She was named Patience, for her father's sister, Patience (Marvel) Knowles.

It is difficult to write a complete history of the Marvel family without including information about a few other families, as their lives are closely interwoven.

The Knowles family was closely associated with the Marvels for several generations. Prudence Marvel, daughter of David and Sarah (Prettyman) Marvel, married Richard Knowles, Jr. Patience Marvel (1758-1817), another daughter of the Marvel's, married James Knowles. Richard, Jr. and James Knowles were half-brothers. Their father, Richard Knowles, was the son of "Silver Head" Knowles. Their mothers had been sisters.

The invention of the cotton gin in 1793 started an industrial revolution in farming. Many families decided to leave Delaware and make their fortune raising cotton in Georgia.

In the fall of 1795, James and Patience (Marvel) Knowles, with their six children, Prettyman, James, Eddy, Jesse, Comfort Marvel and their baby, Nathan, who had been born June 17, 1795, started for their new home in the South. With their possessions in a covered wagon, they made the long and tedious journey through Maryland, Virginia and the Carolinas into Greene County, Georgia. They made their home about fifteen miles south of the present city of Greensboro. Three sons, Ephriam, Eli and Asa were born to them in their new home.

In 1796, Prettyman Marvel had finished his business affairs in Delaware, and with Lavina and his two children, they were ready to join the James Knowles family in Georgia. David Knowles, son of Richard, Jr. and Prudence (Marvel) Knowles, accompanied his uncle and family on their journey, by the water route along the Atlantic coast. In Georgia, David Knowles married Nancy Piper. Two sons, William and Richard, were born to them in that state.

There is no record of Prettyman Marvel having purchased land in Georgia until 1805, when he bought 211.25 acres from his brother-in-law, James Knowles.

The first few years in Georgia were spent clearing the land, building homes and raising cotton. However, the soil was not so fertile as their native Delaware and, after a few years, their cotton crop was a near failure. Prettyman Marvel was in poor health due to the effects of the humid climate. The group had heard many favorable reports of the large tracts of land in the Territory of Indiana, which at that time also included Illinois. Since the James Knowles family could not leave Georgia at this time, it was decided the families of Prettyman Marvel and David Knowles should leave in December, 1808 and prepare the new

home in Indiana. The Prettyman Marvel family now included seven children - John, Patience, Comfort, Prettyman, Jr., James, Wiley and Nancy. The last five children having been born in Georgia.

There were many trials and hardships on this long journey. Alarming reports of Indian massacres came out of the north. Floods detained them, so they stopped in Livingston County, Kentucky through the summer of 1809. Elizabeth, the eighth child of Prettyman and Lavina Marvel was born here. The travelers crossed the Ohio River in the fall and settled near "Old Fort Branch" in Gibson County, Indiana.

In the fall of 1810, Prettyman Marvel returned to Georgia to take care of unfinished business. The family of Jesse Knowles, son of James and Patience Knowles, decided to accompany Prettyman Marvel on his return trip to Indiana. In 1811, Jesse packed all their belongings on the back of a horse and, with his wife and baby, set out for their new home. Jesse walked, leading the horse, while his wife, Elizabeth (Reid) Knowles, and baby rode atop the pack.

Soon after this, another member of the James and Patience Knowles family migrated to Indiana. Eddy Knowles had married Nancy Kirkpatrick in Georgia. They packed their possessions on the back of a horse and the shoulders of a negro. For their defense, Eddy Knowles carried a gun on his shoulder. Nancy walked beside her husband, the negro and horse preceded them, and a large dog brought up the rear.

As had been arranged, James and Patience Knowles disposed of their property in Georgia and, in November, 1811, together with the children and their families, they started the journey to the Indiana Territory. In all, they made a caravan of twenty-three persons. They passed through Cherokee Indian country and found them willing to sell provisions they needed. As they neared the Ohio River, news of battle of Tippecanoe on November 5th reached the caravan, and some of the family felt they should settle in Kentucky. However, the elder members were determined to join the Marvels in Indiana. On the evening of December 16, they encamped on the northern shore of the Ohio River and felt the tremors of the great earthquake of 1811. The next morning, they continued their journey northward and were soon met by John Marvel and Jesse Knowles, who had come to pilot them to "Old Fort Branch." After a few days' rest, the Knowles family built a cabin of poles in the dense forest.

Another relative, Elisha Marvel, moved into the settlement in 1811. He was born in Delaware October 28, 1771, a son of Thomas, Jr. and Susanna (Parker) Marvel. He had married Orpha, daughter of John and Comfort (Prettyman) Rogers. Thus he was a cousin as well as a brother-in-law to Prettyman Marvel. Elisha and Orpha (Rogers) Marvel had gone to Greene County, Georgia. They disposed of their holdings in the South before Prettyman and Lavina Marvel did, lived in Kentucky for two years and, in 1811, crossed the Ohio River, locating in Gibson County five years before Indiana became a state. Elisha and Orpha (Rogers) Marvel were the parents of 12 children: Paynter (b. 1793), Comfort (1795), Lavina (1798), Elisha, Jr. (1801), George (1803), Polly (1806), William (1808 - died when young), Orpha (1811), Thomas (1814), Ceny (1816), John Rogers (1819) and Unice (1823).

Since the history of John and Comfort (Prettyman) Rogers is so closely associated with the Marvels, some information should be included about this family. John Rogers was probably born in Sussex County, Delaware in 1738. Records state he was a near relative of Daniel Rogers, governor of Delaware, but does not give the names of his parents. It is presumed they migrated from Virginia to Delaware. John Rogers married Comfort Prettyman in 1759 and settled near Georgetown, Delaware on land owned by her father, Thomas Prettyman, Jr. The will of John Rogers, written October 6, 1794 and probated October 25, of that year in Sussex County, Delaware, names the following children: George, John, Leah, Patience and Eunice Rogers, Ann Jones, Comfort Fisher, Rachel Warren, Polla Bivans, Lavina Marvel and Orpha Marvel. It was the custom of that day that male members of the family were named first in a will and names of the other children did not necessarily follow in chronological order. It is known that Lavina (Rogers) Marvel was born in 1765, John Rogers in 1773 and Orpha (Rogers) Marvel in 1775. The will of Comfort (Prettyman) Rogers was written January 28, 1797 and probated March 1st of that year in Sussex County, Delaware.

Some books have stated that George Rogers was a Baptist preacher, but later research has proved it was his brother John. On his tombstone in a family cemetery near Georgetown, Delaware is this inscription: "Rev. John Rogers - July 19, 1773 and departed this life March 8, 1861 - aged 87 yrs. 7 mos. & 19 da." George Rogers was evidently a planter, judging from the amount of land he owned at his death.

Another member of the Rogers family, Leah, had married Eli Marvel, son of Thomas, Jr. and Susannah (Parker) Marvel. Eli was born October 25, 1773, probably in Sussex County, Delaware and died in Livingston County, Kentucky October 23, 1830. Bible records give Leah (Rogers) Marvel's birthdate as July 29, 1763. She died in Livingston County, Kentucky September 24, 1834. The will of Eli Marvel dated October 21, 1830 in Livingston County, Kentucky states Eli had several children, names unknown other than John R. Marvel, born February 13, 1797 and died November 18, 1845 in Crittenden County, Kentucky. Crittenden County was created from part of Livingston County in 1842. John R. Marvel was married three times. The following are his children: Orpha, Mary, Eli, George R., Catherine (died in infancy), Josephus, John, Sarah, Stephen, Ephraim Roger, Rebecca, Samuel Nunn and Nancy E.

Eli Marvel and his brother Elisha first appear on the Livingston County tax list in 1809. Eli is taxed for one horse and Elisha for two. In 1819, Eli appears again on the Livingston County tax list. He is taxed for five horses and 208 acres of land bounded by Crooked Creek.

In 1812, David and Nancy (Piper) Knowles, left Kentucky to join their relatives in southern Indiana. Their sons William and Richard Knowles were born in Georgia, and sons Marvel and Archibald were born in Kentucky. Four sons and four daughters were born in Indiana, namely, Elizabeth, Comfort, John, David, Lavina, Henry, Permelia and Logan, making a family of twelve children.

At this time, the Territory of Indiana was a wilderness. There were no mills, and bread was made from cornmeal beaten by a pestle in a wooden mortar, made by burning a hole in the end of a log. Indian massacres were a frequent occurrence before and during the War of 1812. Settlers were often forced to flee to the stockade for safety. Later the Indians were subdued and caused no further trouble to the settlers. The pioneers cleared more land each year and raised abundant crops. The young men of the family kept the larder supplied with wild game. They built better cabins and were enjoying comfortable living.

The Prettyman Marvel home was located in Gibson County, about 4½ miles southwest of the present city of Owensville, in Montgomery Township. It was less than a mile northeast of the Black River schoolhouse and about the same distance southeast of the Antioch Church.

This description helps one to understand some of the basic principles of the Marvel family life. They were devout people, so a church was built as soon as possible. Education was limited in pioneer days, but they did their best to provide the rudiments of learning for their children.

A new member joined the Marvel family. The ninth and youngest child of Prettyman and Lavina, George Rogers Marvel, was born in Gibson County, Indiana March 8, 1815.

But in the midst of happiness and prosperity, sadness touched their lives. Patience (Marvel) Knowles died of consumption on May 5, 1817.

James Knowles was married a second time to Elizabeth (Fugat) Clark, a widow with five children. To this union, two children were born - Prudence, who died in infancy, and a son, John Lowery Knowles. James Knowles died October 23, 1839 and was laid to rest beside his wife of many years.

Prettyman and Lavina Marvel united with the Methodist Church under the ministry of the first preacher in the Indiana Territory. Besides the family worship held regularly morning and evening, he also read the scriptures at the noon-hour. Their home was one of the first preaching places in Indiana when there was only one presiding elder and six preachers in the territory. This religious training no doubt exerted a real influence in giving their children the high standards which they possessed.

Lavina Marvel, as well as her sisters, was skilled in the dispensation of the medicine of that day. She went about the neighborhood looking after the needs of the sick. It was while engaged in this benevolent practice that she had two falls from her horse and suffered injuries from which she never recovered.

George Rogers Marvel and his family had remained at the Marvel homestead in Gibson County until 1849. At that time, he bought a farm in Posey County, Indiana, near Poseyville and New Harmony. Here he built a small comfortable home for his parents, both of whom were past eighty years of age. Lavina (Rogers) Marvel died in 1850 and thereafter Prettyman lived in the home of his son and family. In 1851, George Rogers Marvel decided to move to Illinois, so he bought a large farm in Cave Township, Franklin County, and took his father with him.

In the fall of 1855, Wiley Marvel (1806-1883) reconditioned the old carriage he had used to bring his family from Indiana to Illinois in 1852. John Barr (1799-1882) accompanied him to Franklin County to bring Prettyman Marvel to Central Illinois to visit his children living there.

He spent the winter with Wiley and Charity (Clark) Marvel and their seven children. One of those children, George Washington Marvel, attended the Marvel Reunion in 1923 at Peoria, Illinois. He gave a remarkable account of "Grandpap's" visit. He told how the children kept a constant lookout across the broad, level plains until the carriage was near enough they could run to greet their visitor. Grandpap raised up from his bed in the carriage, joy and gladness beaming over his tired face, realizing the long journey was ended. George W. was a lad of eleven years and felt he should be Grandpap's special companion. He liked having him sleep with him in his trundle bed. He enjoyed doing little favors for him, such as getting his "specks," cap, walking stick and other things to make the life of the ninety-two year old man comfortable. He thrilled to the tales Grandpap could tell of seeing George Washington and his men marching past during the Revolutionary War and of the privations and suffering of the Continental army. Besides the perils of war at that time, mad dogs and wolves were a real danger.

In May the next year, Prettyman Marvel went to visit his daughter Comfort (Marvel) Barr and her husband, John Barr, who lived about two miles south of Waynesville. He died there October 1, 1856 at the age of 93 years. He was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois.

These pioneers of a day long past were sturdy, brave, self-reliant people. For them the "Promised Land" lay beyond the last frontier. Nature had flung relentless barriers in their way, but they continued to press forward. Their caravans passed through dense forests and across trackless prairies, often facing the menace of floods, of savage beasts and of unfriendly red men. Overcoming all obstacles by their great industry, they carved for themselves homes in the middle West, and left to all of us, their descendants, a goodly heritage, free from the dangers and difficulties which beset our forefathers.

FIFTH GENERATION

Children of Prettyman and Lavina (Rogers) Marvel

The nine children born to Prettyman and Lavina (Rogers) Marvel represent the fifth generation of this family history. They are grandchildren of David and Sarah (Prettyman) Marvel, and they are also grandchildren of John and Comfort (Prettyman) Rogers. They are great grandchildren of Thomas and Elizabeth (Huggins) Marvel.

12131 - John Marvel

John Marvel, the oldest child of Prettyman and Lavina Marvel, was born in Sussex County, Delaware April 8, 1794. He was a small lad when his parents made the trip to Georgia. In December, 1808, they migrated north, a journey which took eight or nine months, due to the rigors of traveling at that time. Being the oldest son in a pioneer family, he assumed many responsibilities at an early age. In the fall of 1810, when his father returned to Georgia on a business trip, it was his duty to protect the family and provide wild game for food. Southwestern Indiana was a heavily timbered area and each winter was spent clearing trees and undergrowth so more land would be available for cultivation.

John Marvel volunteered in the War of 1812 and helped guard the town of Vincennes.

In 1818, John Marvel was married to Mary Barr, daughter of John and Nancy Agnes (Hamilton) Barr, whose parents had migrated to Gibson County, Indiana about the same time as the Marvels. Mary (Barr) Marvel was often known as Polly. They were the parents of three children - Nancy, James H. and Lavina, who was born April 4, 1824. Mary (Barr) Marvel died when Lavina was a few months old.

On July 19, 1825 John Marvel was married to Elizabeth Williams, daughter of John Williams, and a native of Tennessee. Their children were John, Mary Ann, Andrew Jackson, and Elizabeth Clark Marvel.

Elizabeth (Williams) Marvel died in 1843 at their home in Gibson County, Indiana and was buried at Mounts' Station. Since several of his children had moved to Illinois, John Marvel

left Indiana in 1865, going to Wabash County, Illinois, near Mt. Carmel, where he also owned land. He died there November 18, 1876 and was buried in the Friendsville Cemetery.

John Marvel was the father of 8 children -

1 - Nancy (1819-1878) married William Hodge McReynolds and had 11 children: Mary Ann, John McFadden, James Franklin, Nancy Lavina, Twins - Matilda Jane and Lucinda Ellen, died in infancy, Eliza Jane, William Alexander, Lodena Ellen, David Early and Thomas Nelson McReynolds.

2 - Jamea H. (1822-1880) married Frances Estes and had 5 children: Nancy, Mary Ann (died in childhood), Thomas McGrady, James Lafayette and Lavina Elizabeth Marvel.

3 - Lavina (1824-1911) married Nelson McReynolds and had 8 children: William A. (died in infancy), Nancy E (died in childhood), Robert Wesley, Mary L (died at age 26), Matilda J, James N, Lucinda (died in infancy) and John S. McReynolds.

4 - John (1827-1904) married Mary Young and had 6 children: Mary Elizabeth, William Thomas (died in infancy), Martha Ellen, James Andrew, Anna Wilaon and Effie Florence Marvel.

5 - Wesley (1829-1913) married Janette Davis and had 8 children: John Thompaon (died in infancy), Abbie, William, Julius, John Wealey (died in childhood), James, Flora Bell and Ella Marvel.

6 - Mary Ann (1832-?) married Willis Dudley Smith and had 7 children: James Andrew, Josephine, George M, Amanda Catherine, twins - William Dudley and John W, and Hiram W. Smith.

7 - Andrew Jackson (1835-?) married Franea R. McMullen and had 6 children: John, Mary Elizabeth, Anna Bell, George Washington, Joseph and Jacob Marvel.

8 - Elizabeth C. (1842-?) married George Cross and had 6 children: Robert Alvin, Minnie Franea, Joseph Hamilton, Mary Elizabeth, Margaret Comfort and Charles Holton Cross.

12132 - Patience (Marvel) Montgomery

Patience Marvel, the second child of Prettyman and Lavina Marvel, was born in Sussex County, Delaware in 1796. She was a small baby when her parents migrated to Georgia, where her childhood was spent. Being the eldest daughter in a pioneer household, she was the main helper of her mother. She was 13 years old when her parents moved to the Indiana Territory.

In the Marvel home, as in all pioneer homes, the fireplace built along one end of the cabin was the heart of the household. The Marvels were hospitable people and their home was a gathering place for friends and relatives. A frequent visitor was Robert Montgomery, a staunch young Presbyterian, who attended the same church in Greensboro, Georgia, where the James Knowles family worshipped. He came to Indiana earlier than the Marvels, and was making his home with a Mr. Moore on the Patoka River, but when he heard of the arrival of the Marvels, he moved to be close to them.

Now Patience Marvel spoke with a lisp, which only made her more attractive in the eyes of young "Robin," and as he watched her in the many tasks of the home, spinning, weaving, tending the kettles which swung from the crane, or heaping coals around the dutch oven on the hearth, her glowing eyes and flushed cheeks evidently kindled an ardent flame in the heart of Robert Montgomery. He knew she would be the proper helpmate and companion for him.

The story of his proposal is a tale that has been treasured and handed down in the family. It was related in the "Knowles History" written by Rev. Levin Wilson. Ella Yeakel repeated it in "The Marvel Family History" as she had heard it from her mother, Lavina (Marvel) Armstrong.

One morning he followed the girls, Patience and Comfort, to the milking gap where, seated upon a stump, he made himself useful by holding a calf by the ears while Patience milked. As he sat there, he concluded to have this important matter settled, for he suddenly said, "Patia, will you milk my cows?" Now Patience, like all girls, would have liked more romance in a proposal, for she replied rather curtly, "No Yobin, I won't milk your cows." There was a silence for a time while Patience thought the matter over. She considered Robin's good qualities and her heart softened. She said "Say that again, Yobin." "Say what?" asked Robin. "What you said before," Patience replied. So Robin repeated his question, and this time Patience answered "Yes, Yobin, I'll milk your cows."

Patience was the first of the children of Prettyman and Lavina to leave the family home. When the Methodist circuit rider came around, they were married in 1812. This was said to be the first marriage in the Black River Basin in the Indiana Territory.

Robert Montgomery was a soldier in the War of 1812, and in after years when his widow applied for a pension, she failed until Nathan Knowles, the only living witness to the marriage, testified to the facts.

Robert and Patience (Marvel) Montgomery made their home in Smith Township, Posey County, Indiana. Robert Montgomery died April 15, 1846 and was buried in the family cemetery on the farm of his son James, near Cynthiana, Indiana. Patience Montgomery made her home with the youngest son, Thomas, in Gibson County, Indiana. She died in 1883 or 1884 and was buried at Antioch, Indiana.

Robert and Patience (Marvel) Montgomery were the parents of 11 children:

1 - William (1814-1869) married Olivia Elmyria Davis and had 10 children: Amanda, Elizabeth, Prettyman, William Thomas, Nancy, Lydia (died in infancy), Lily, Patience (died in infancy), James R (died at age 20 yrs.) and Ocie Ola (male) Montgomery.

2 - Prettyman (1815-1887) married Martha Pruitt and had 7 children: Phoebe Ann, unnamed infant, William Robert, Nancy E (died in infancy), Patience Caroline, Mary and James Howard Montgomery. After the death of Martha Pruitt, he married Malissa J. Trible and had 8 children: Susan Ann (died in infancy), Comfort, Elizabeth (died in infancy), John, George (died at age 19 years), Prettyman, Jr., Samuel and Thomas Newton Montgomery.

3 - John (1818-1868) married Henrietta Wilson, who died when their only child Comfort was born. He married Martitia Knowles and had 3 children: Marethea, Mary F. and Anna Luella Montgomery.

4 - Elizabeth (1820-?) married William Jonathan Davis and had 8 children: William Robert, John, Elizabeth, Prettyman, Jonathan and George Davis. There were also 2 daughters, names unknown.

5 - Nancy (1822-?) married John Bonine and had 5 children: Elizabeth, Addie, Della, Joseph and Wesley Bonine.

6 - Samuel (1824-1897) married Phoebe Elizabeth Pruitt and had 13 children: Martha Ann, John William, James Thomas, Joseph Franklin, Simon Wesley, Mary Liviana, Absolom Jasper (killed at age 26 yrs.), Patience C (died in infancy), Samuel, Jr. (died in infancy) and Phoebe Elizabeth Montgomery. Three other children died in infancy.

7 - James (1827-1907) married Louise Knowles and had 8 children: Martha Wilhemina (died in infancy), Ashley Bray, Zebrie Dora, Azberry C, Casey Calvert, Edward W, Inez Drew and Corisand L (died in infancy) Montgomery.

8 - Lavina (1829-?) married Eben Church and had 7 children: Katherine, Ida, Nora, Preston, Lucian, Elva and William Church.

9 - Robert, Jr. (1831-1896) married Precilla Knowles and had 6 children: Laurence, Van Ray, Flora, Knowles, Kert C. and Daisey Montgomery.

10 - George (1834-1912) married Mary Ella Williams and had 4 children: Oscar (died in infancy), Leslie, Ella and Edgar Montgomery.

11 - Thomas (1838-1883) married Mary Ann Barton and had 4 children: Alva M, John Barton, Nona and Karl W. Montgomery.

12133 - Comfort Marvel (1799-1865)

Comfort Marvel, the third child of Prettyman and Lavina (Rogers) Marvel was no doubt named after her maternal grandmother Comfort (Prettyman) Rogers. She was born April 4, 1799 in Greene County, Georgia, where her parents had moved a few years earlier.

About the time the Marvels migrated from Georgia, another family by the name of Barr had moved from Tennessee to Gibson County, Indiana. On January 21, 1822 Comfort Marvel married John Barr, who was born in Chester County, South Carolina on the same date as his bride. He was the second child of John and Nancy Agnes (Hamilton) Barr. They lived in Gibson County, Indiana and their first child, Lavina, was born here, but died in infancy.

In September, 1824, accompanied by Prettyman Marvel, Jr. and his wife Rebecca (Barr) Marvel, they left the "Hoosier" state to search for a location in the more sparsely settled state of Illinois. The women rode horseback, driving the cattle and sheep, while the men walked and drove the oxen hitched to the stout two-wheeled carts which contained their goods. There were few trails and no bridges. They crossed the Wabash River on a ferry, but all other streams were forded. On New Year's Day, 1825, they crossed the Sangamon River and located about fifteen miles north of Springfield, Illinois, which at that time consisted of a few small shanties. Their daughter Nancy was born here in the spring. In February, 1826, they came to the vicinity of the present town of Waynesville. They lived with the family of Prettyman Marvel, Jr. for a few months and then built a cabin in what is now Section 26, Atlanta Township, Logan County, Illinois.

Kickapoo Creek, in the valley of which these families settled, took its name from the Indian tribe. The Pottawatomies and Delaware oftentimes mingled with the Kickapoos and, during the summer months, hunted over the prairies for game. John Barr often accompanied them on their hunting expeditions. At one time, a band of braves passed the home of Mr. Barr when he was in his turnip patch. He threw them a quantity of the vegetable, which they ate without peeling, slicing them with their bloody hunting knives.

December 8, 1830 John Barr loaded his wagon with corn, intending to start the following morning to the mill near Springfield, however, weather made the trip impossible. Snow continued for twenty-one days and, at intervals, throughout the winter. For weeks, the settlers were practically buried in their cabins and went forth only as the need for food and fuel demanded. It was during this period of isolation that a son came to cheer the family. They called him John, which name had been borne by his paternal ancestors for three generations. That winter the family lived on rye, hominy and potatoes. They could not have meal, since the snow made the mills inaccessible. They had plenty of meat as wild game was abundant.

It was at this time that J. J. McGraw and one of his neighbors had exhausted their supply of corn wherewith to feed their families. They made their wants known to Mr. Barr, informing him they had no money to pay for the corn, but that they were strong and willing to work, and when the snow melted, they would

pay him by making rails. Mr. Barr said they could have all the corn they needed and pay for it as per agreement. The point of this incident will perhaps surprise our money-conscious generation. Said Mr. Barr, "A man was here the other day wanting corn and informed me he had plenty of money to pay any price I asked. I told him if he was so well prepared with means, he could buy corn elsewhere and I would keep mine for the needy." Mr. J. J. McGraw later became a judge and he was always fond of telling this story. He never mauld rails with more pleasure or gave bigger count than he did for that sack of corn.

John and Comfort Barr were for years among the most influential members of the Mt. Tabor Methodist Episcopal Church, which was near their home. However, during the Civil War, difficulties concerning political matters arose in that church. The Mt. Zion Southern Methodist Church was organized, and the Barrs were among the first to unite with the new church.

In June, 1854, John and Comfort Barr left the old home in Logan County and bought 320 acres of land in Section 7, Barnett Township, De Witt County. About the time Wiley Marvel (1806-1883) and John Barr went to visit Prettyman Marvel, who lived with his son, John Roger Marvel, in Franklin County. Prettyman Marvel returned to De Witt County with them, and died at the home of John and Comfort (Marvel) Barr October 1, 1856. About 1860, John Barrs moved a half-mile south of their former home. Comfort (Marvel) Barr died here on October 21, 1865 and was buried in Union Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois.

The youngest daughter, Comfort (Barr) Garrett moved into the home to care for her father. John Barr died May 13, 1882 while visiting relatives in Kansas. He was buried in Union Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois.

John and Comfort (Marvel) Barr were the parents of 8 children:

1 - Lavina (1822-died in infancy)

2 - Nancy (1825-1908) married John Cline and had 2 children: William Hamilton and Sarah Jane Cline. Her second marriage was to Richard Botkin, and they had 8 children: Jeremiah Dunham, Mary Elizabeth, John Thomas, Comfort Louvicy, Charles (died in infancy), Murry (died in infancy), Charles Edward and Florence Amelia Botkin.

3 - Hamilton (1826-1903) married Sidonia Michaels and had 11 children: Sarah Jane, John Adam (died in childhood), Charles Albert, Amelia Maria, Thomas Hamilton (died in infancy), Emma Commfort, Sedonia Adeline (died in childhood), Mary, Nancy Ellen and John Edmund Barr.

4 - Prettyman (1828-?) married Harriet A. Coffman and had 7 children: John (died at age 22 years), Jenova Ellen (died in infancy), Lillian Frances, unnamed infant son, Omar (died when young), unnamed infant son and Mary Barr.

5 - John (1831-1907) married Matilda Jane Swarengen and had 5 children: James (died in infancy), Mary C, John, Andrew Judd and Washington Lincoln Barr (died in infancy). After the death of his first wife, he married Ida E. Lowry and had 3 children: Laura J, George Hamilton and Cecil May (died in infancy) Barr.

6 - Hiram (1833-?) died when young.

7 - Elizabeth (1834-1893) married Gustavas Michaels and had 7 children: Maria A, John H, Nancy Amelia, Sarah C, Melissa J, Mary Lavina and Minnie Belle Michaels.

8 - Comfort (1836-1923) married Joseph Bell Garrett and had no children. They had a foster daughter, Nellie E. Cross.

12134 - Prettyman Marvel, Jr. (1801-1842)

Prettyman Marvel, Jr., the fourth child of Prettyman and Lavina Marvel, was born May 8, 1801 in Greene County, Georgia. He celebrated his 8th birthday in Livingston County, Kentucky, where his parents lived during the summer while moving from Georgia to Indiana. In the fall of 1809, they built a log cabin in the vicinity of "Old Fort Branch" Indiana Territory, and he learned the rigors of a northern winter. Besides the cold weather, wild beasts prowled the forest and there was danger of Indian attacks.

Later the family located near the present city of Owensville, Indiana and it was here he grew to manhood and learned to assume the responsibilities of a pioneer farmer.

This industrious family "ate not the bread of idleness," but on Saturday night, all tasks were set aside and on the morning of the Sabbath, Prettyman, Jr. accompanied his family to the designated place of worship. "Meeting" in those days was held in the cabin of the pioneers, where the scattered settlers gathered for miles around. If it chanced to be the appointed time for the "circuit rider's" visit, there was preaching, otherwise, there was classmeeting led by one of the elders. The Sabbath was a day for worship and hospitality. After the morning service, a basket dinner was held in the home, and part of the afternoon was devoted to scripture reading. Since printed books were scarce in pioneer days, most children learned to read, using the Bible as a text book.

In mid-summer, the farmer was busy with his hand sickle cutting grain. The sheaves were hauled to the barn where the threshing was done by beating with a flail. After the urgent work of the summer was finished, it was time to clear fields to have more tillable land the next year. The settlers came for miles around, arriving early in the morning that they might have a full day. The women and children accompanied the men. The sitting room was an animated scene - a quilt was in the frames and as many women as could get around it were quilting, others brought their sewing, others were knitting, while some brought their spinning-wheels, and the whirring drone of these mingled with the tone of women's voices, for the pioneer woman's hands were never idle, even on visiting day.

In the field, men with stout hand spikes were rolling the logs in large piles so they could be burned at a later date. In a conspicuous place, was a jug of pure corn liquor and several loaves of white sugar. This white loaf sugar was the first that came into use after maple sugar. It was molded in a cone about fifteen inches high, with a base about the size of a saucer. No pioneer having such a gathering could go against the established custom of providing liquor with plenty of sugar wherewith to sweeten it. At times, this had been tried and the owner of the field found his logs scattered the next morning. At the noon hour, while waiting for the call to dinner, there were tests of strength and endurance among the young men, mostly taking the form of wrestling and foot racing.

When the call to dinner came, the workers trooped into the cabin and were soon seated at the long oaken table, spread with the wholesome and nourishing food of the day. There were heaped platters of roasted venison and wild turkey, as well as

all the vegetables of the season, preserved wild fruits, maple syrup, wild honey from the forest, luscious pies and crusty loaves of whole-wheat bread, baked in the oven outside, also the inevitable hominy and corn pone. After the men returned to the field, the women and children had dinner and then spent the remainder of the day visiting and working at various tasks. In late afternoon, all departed for their homes, having heartily enjoyed the break in the routine of their lives.

Fall was time for corn harvest and farmers were busy gathering that crop, which they snapped and husked later. When the Marvels had harvested their corn, the young people decided to hold a "husking bee." On the appointed evening, the huskers, old and young, arrived to find the scene illuminated by a huge bonfire. Much in evidence was a barrel of cider, flanked by pyramids of popcorn balls and baskets of ruddy apples from the young orchards, while in the background lay two heaps of corn. Sides were chosen by two appointed leaders and the husking race began. There was much jesting, laughter and song. There was an old adage that the young man who found an ear of red corn was entitled to a kiss from the lass of his choice. This occasioned much merriment as the boys tried to collect their prize. When a girl found a red ear, it was considered a sign that she would be married before the year was out. Who can say? - perhaps Rebecca Barr found an ear of red corn and young Prettyman, sitting by her side, found courage to whisper, asking if he might be the lucky fellow to participate with her in the fulfillment of the sign.

At any rate, Rebecca was busy that fall and winter, spinning and weaving the flax and wool, adding to her store of household linens and blankets. Young Prettyman spent all his Sabbaths with her and, in the spring, there was a wedding at the Barr home. This was May 15, 1823. A large group of relatives were present for the wedding and also the "infair" held at the Marvel home the next day, after which the bride and groom went to the home Prettyman, Jr. had built for his bride.

The Barr family is closely associated with the Marvels. Rebecca Barr, 4th child of John and Nancy Agnes (Hamilton) Barr, was born on April 21, 1806 in Chester County, South Carolina. Her mother, Nancy Agnes (Hamilton) Barr was born in Chester County, South Carolina on April 9, 1779. Her maternal grandfather, William Hamilton, was born in Hamilton Grange, Scotland in 1742 and had emigrated to South Carolina in early manhood. In 1766,

he was married to Mary Margaret ---, who was born in 1748 in South Carolina and died in 1791 in Chester County, South Carolina. William Hamilton served as a private in Mill's Troop H, Hampton's Regiment, Sumpter's Brigade in the American Revolution. While on military duty, he received word that twins had arrived at his home. They were Nancy Agnes, mentioned above, and William Hamilton, Jr. The Hamilton family consisted of Mollie (1767), Margaret (1770), Elizabeth (1773), James (1777) and lastly, the twins. The father, William Hamilton, obtained a leave of absence from his military duties that he might go home to see the twins. A short time after his arrival, he was seated on the floor with the twins in his arms, when his daughter, Molly, standing on guard, cried "Tory." Escaping by the back door, he reached safety in the canebrakes along the creek. This was the last visit of William Hamilton, as he was killed in the Battle of Cowpens, near Williamsburg, South Carolina in 1781. The mother, Mary Hamilton, died in 1791 and the children were reared by relatives.

Nancy Agnes Hamilton married John Barr in 1796 in South Carolina. In 1808, they moved to Tennessee and in 1810 the Barrs became pioneer settlers in southwestern Indiana Territory. Later they moved to Illinois. They were the parents of 9 children who grew to maturity. William Barr married Rachel Benson and had 8 children, John Barr married Comfort Marvel and had 9 children. Mary (Polly) Barr married John Marvel and had 3 children. Rebecca Barr married Prettyman Marvel, Jr. They were the parents of 11 children, one of whom died in infancy. Cynthia Barr married Arnett Allman and 4 children were born to them. James Barr married Margaret Houchens and they had 9 children. Thomas Barr married Elsie Watt and had 11 children. Andrew Jackson Barr married Nancy Knowles and they were parents of 6 children. Lewis Barr married Rebecca Cox. After her death, he married Martha Montgomery and they had 6 children.

Nancy Agnes (Hamilton) Barr was a woman of keen mind, a good conversationalist and a great reader until she lost her eyesight several years before her death. After the death of her husband March 8, 1849, she was tenderly cared for in the home of her youngest son, Lewis Barr, until she died September 8, 1870, and was buried beside her husband in Union Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois.

Rebecca (Barr) Marvel's father, John Barr, was born in Antrim County, Ireland, October 24, 1766. His father, whose name was also John Barr, with sons John and David, had come to America

about 1788. The mother had died near Dublin, Ireland before this. John Barr made his home with his son John and wife, Nancy Agnes. He was a weaver by trade and lived to a ripe old age.

In the summer after the marriage of Prettyman, Jr. and Rebecca, a Methodist camp meeting was held under the auspices of the Rev. John Shrader. Prettyman, Jr. became a member of the church, and Rebecca transferred her membership from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. In March, 1824, their first child was born and they named him John Shrader Marvel in honor of the beloved "circuit rider."

In Indiana, they were happily situated near their relatives and friends, yet there was an element of dissatisfaction for Prettyman, Jr., as he was an ambitious man, wishing to acquire land and the choice fields in this area were taken. He talked the matter over with his brother-in-law, John Barr, and they decided to search for a location in the more sparsely settled state of Illinois. Since each family owned a horse, a yoke of oxen and a two-wheeled cart, they loaded their possessions in the carts and, with their cattle and sheep, the journey was started in the fall of 1824. Little John Shrader Marvel rode among the bedding in the cart when he wasn't in the arms of his mother or his aunt, Comfort Barr.

The two families had only \$1.50 to pay the expenses of the journey and to establish themselves in their new home. They had a keg of tobacco, a keg of copper-distilled whiskey, one bolt of jeans and one of linsey, two bushels of dried apples and one dozen pocket handkerchiefs, which they exchanged at the scattered settlements for the necessities of life. The trip across the "grand prairie" was difficult. It rained and sleeted. If they did not reach a settlement by nightfall, it was necessary to sleep in the carts. As they neared the end of their journey, they often remained in a settlement four or five days to work for provisions and grain. South of the present city of Vandalia, they found the waters of Brush Creek so high they could not ford the stream, so they were forced to spend the night here, although there were fresh signs of Indians. The next morning their horses were gone, and they were sure the Indians had taken them. The men went in pursuit and found the horses roaming over the prairie. They became warm while running after the horses and removed their coats. When Rebecca and Comfort saw them returning in their shirtsleeves and bareheaded, they thought they were Indians and prepared to defend themselves with the ax, but were happily surprised when they

discovered their mistake. On New Year's Day, 1825, they crossed the Sangamon River and found a settlement near Springfield. Here they rented a cabin from a Mr. Borders and worked for him until spring. They rented some ground from Thomas Prim and raised a crop. Prettyman, Jr. and Rebecca returned to Indiana on a visit in the fall. On October 29, 1825 their second son, James Marvel, was born.

They were not satisfied with their location near the Sangamon River, so on their return from Indiana, they traveled northward in search of a new home. They decided to locate in the central area of the state where the ground was higher, and chose a spot near the "Big Grove," as the main body of the Kickapoo timber was called.

Prettyman Marvel, Jr., his wife and two boys arrived at their new home, a short distance from the present town of Waynesville, Illinois, about ten o'clock on a cold February night in 1826. Clearing away the snow, which was about a foot deep, they built a fire beside a log, and while Prettyman, Jr. gathered a supply of fuel and cared for the stock, Rebecca prepared the first supper ever cooked by a white woman in what later became Waynesville, Township. After supper, they made as comfortable a bed as possible upon the frozen ground, and when they had snugly ensconced their sleeping sons within, they replenished the fire and lay down to sleep in the fresh air. The next day, they constructed a home by driving four forked sticks in the ground, covering them with poles and slabs on three sides. The fourth side was left open for their log fire. They depended on this for warmth and cooking.

About a week later, they were joined by John Barr, his wife Comfort and baby Nancy. These four adults and three children lived in this crude structure until the Barrs selected the site for their home about a mile to the west. Now Prettyman, Jr. and Rebecca set to work building a more permanent home. It was a comfortable one room log cabin about twelve by sixteen feet with a pounded clay floor. There was a fireplace across one end, with a chimney made of sticks and mud.

By this time, the prairie grass had grown rank and provided ample feed for the oxen. The Marvels set to work clearing land to raise their crops. The rudely constructed wooden plow was pulled by the oxen. Corn, wheat and flax were grown. Every pioneer depended on the fiber of the flax and wool from his sheep for his clothing and other necessities. Extreme care

was taken in tending the flax or the value of the fiber was impaired. At just the right degree of ripeness, it was pulled and run through the flax comb to remove the seeds. Then it was spread in rows on the ground to partially rot the woody stems. Next it was run through a set of wooden rollers to crush the stems and then "scutched" to free the fibers of all woody particles. A many-toothed comb was used to separate the fine fiber from the coarse, after which the women used it for spinning and weaving. From the fine fiber, they made linens and household supplies. The coarse fiber was woven into wagon sheets, grain sacks, bed ticking and other necessities. Meat was provided by an ample supply of wild game. Neighbors were few, but the Indians were regular callers at the Marvel household. They caused no serious trouble, but were very curious concerning the new mode of living. They often brought wild game to the Marvels in exchange for "hogee" meat, vegetables and melons.

Money was scarce in these days and the Marvels had been living on their land without entering it at the land office in Danville. He had staked claim to land which some of his neighbors also desired. Prettyman Marvel, Jr. rode his horse to Danville and registered his land on March 28, 1828. This was a rigorous journey, as he was carrying two hundred silver dollars for his land and that of a Mr. Gregory. As he raced his horse over the hills and through dense forests, he cast away his clothing to lighten the load. He arrived in Danville, wearing nothing but his buckskin trousers. Prettyman, Jr. made the land entry and then ordered a quart of whiskey which was used to rub down his horse. He was sitting on the steps of a store when his rival neighbors arrived. Prettyman, Jr. continued adding to his real estate until he owned about a thousand acres of land. Later he disposed of some of his holdings.

Since coming to this sparsely settled region, Prettyman, Jr. and Rebecca missed the privilege of assembling with other Christian men and women in worship. As soon as he had his family settled in their new home, he started planning for religious services. Peter Cartwright was the presiding elder of the Illinois District, and he sent William See to the "Big Grove" settlement, which was then in the Sangamon circuit. He came to the Marvel home on a weekday, but the settlers quit their tasks and came in their work clothes to hear the Gospel. Mr. Marvel prepared a campground on the slope of the hill east of his home. During the summer months, meetings were held here for many years. The pioneers gathered and listened to such preachers as Peter Cartwright, John

Sinclair, Asa Phelps, Moses Clampet, William See, William Royal, Peter Akers and many others. The settlers were very faithful in their attendance and even during the "deep snow" in the winters of 1830 and 1831, they shoveled their way through the drifts, that this little society of Methodists might meet and worship. After the establishment of the village of Waynesville, a Methodist Episcopal Church was organized there in 1834. Prettyman, Jr. and Rebecca Marvel were influential members.

By this time, the Marvel family had increased in size. The birth of Nancy Marvel on November 4, 1827 was an event in the lives of the pioneers, as she was the first white child to be born in the newly settled County of De Witt. She was a twin, but the unnamed boy died and was buried in Pilot Grove Cemetery. On January 29, 1830 the Marvels became the parents of twin girls, Cynthia and Lavina. A son was born March 31, 1832 and he was named Prettyman after his father and grandfather.

The log cabin became overcrowded. The new home was a frame building with an eight foot center hall. From this, one entered each of the four rooms, which measured eighteen by twenty feet. The floors were wide oak boards. A large fireplace furnished heat and a means of cooking. Later the southwest room was modernized by the addition of a cook stove. The cellar was beneath this room. Water was provided by a spring near the house.

As the children became school age, the Marvels wanted an education for their children. Other parents agreed, so each provided money for tuition and school became a reality. Mr. Marvel had a desk built for his children. It was about six or seven feet long, two and a half feet wide, and had a shelf beneath which provided a convenient receptacle for their books. Four more Marvel children, Rebecca, Mary Ann, Wiley and George also used the school desk.

By now, Illinois was becoming more thickly populated, and Prettyman Marvel, Jr. was a prosperous farmer. He drove hogs to the Chicago market when that metropolis was a mere village. It took about four weeks to make the trip, as there were no roads or bridges. Indian trails were followed and all streams had to be forded. Later he shipped stock by boat to New Orleans where he obtained a better price. On one of these trips, Prettyman, Jr. contracted yellow fever. He died at his home on July 23, 1842. He was buried in Union Cemetery in Waynesville, Illinois, on land which he had donated for burial purposes.

Prettyman Marvel, Jr. was a man of great energy and good business ability. He was kind and sympathetic with his family, and the children delighted in helping their father. In personal appearance, he was a man of small stature, very quick and alert in movement. He had a dark complexion, with black eyes and the typical "Marvel nose," which is decidedly stub with flaring nostrils. When out of doors, his black curly hair was usually covered by a coonskin cap. Administrators of his estate, Jeremiah P. Dunham, John Barr and Linus Graves filed papers before F. G. Pain, Probate Justice of Peace, on August 2, 1842.

Now Rebecca was a young widow with ten children, ranging in age from eleven months to eighteen years. She faced many hardships managing the farm and livestock business, but she was a hardy pioneer so was undaunted by these difficulties.

In October, 1847 Rebecca (Barr) Marvel married Thompson P. Gambrel, son of William and Winifred (Elkins) Gambrel of South Carolina. His parents migrated to Kentucky where Thompson P. was born August 22, 1806. The next year his parents crossed the Ohio River and became pioneer settlers in southwestern Indiana. William Gambrel died and Winifred (Elkins) Gambrel married John Roberts, a widower. Thompson P. Gambrel married Elizabeth Roberts, a daughter of his step-father. They were the parents of 5 children: Maria, William, James, Mary Ann and Elisha. After the death of his wife, Elizabeth, Thompson P. Gambrel and his children came to Illinois, where he married Rebecca, widow of Prettyman Marvel, Jr.

With eight of Rebecca's children and the five Gambrel children, there was now a household of thirteen children and two parents. Nancy had married in 1844 and John Shrader Marvel married in the summer of 1847.

During the Civil War, Thompson and Rebecca Gambrel withdrew their membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church in Waynesville and united with the Southern Methodist Church at Mt. Zion. In 1870, they moved to the town of Waynesville, where Thompson P. Gambrel died August 30, 1877.

Rebecca was a woman of great vitality and enjoyed hitching her horse to the buggy, and would visit family and friends in the country without an escort. For many years, relatives gathered at her home on April 21st for a birthday dinner and celebration. In 1893 she sold her residence to her grandsons, George and Kirby Armstrong, and went to the home of her youngest daughter, Mary Ann

(Marvel) Gambrel, three miles south of town. She died there September 30, 1893. She was buried in Union Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois by the side of Prettyman Marvel, Jr. and Thompson P. Gambrel.

12135 - James Marvel

James Marvel, the fifth child of Prettyman and Lavina (Rogers) Marvel, was born in Greene County, Georgia December 10, 1803. His sixth birthday was spent on the way to their new home at Old Fort Branch in the Territory of Indiana. It took the Marvel family about nine months to make the journey from Georgia. Traveling was difficult, as they had to make trails through the wilderness, there were no bridges and few ferries so most streams had to be forded.

Life was never dull for the young children of a pioneer family. During the planting season, they were needed to patrol the fields. Wild fowls were multitudinous, and in the migrating season geese, ducks, pigeons and other birds came northward in such dense flocks as to darken the sky. If one of these flocks settled on a field of young grain, it was speedily devoured, leaving only the bare ground. The children used a tool called a "clatter," which was made of seasoned hickory wood. It was notched and as they operated it with a string, it made a great noise or clatter, which scared away wild fowl and small rodents.

Since James Marvel was almost twenty-six years of age before he married, it would seem he was just waiting for his chosen one to grow up. Susan Comfort Knowles, known as Comfort, became his bride on July 20, 1829, which was two months before her sixteenth birthday. He had reason to believe she would prove a good helpmate and companion, since she inherited from her parents, David and Nancy (Piper) Knowles, many rare qualities of mind and person. She was especially trained by her mother in all the domestic art so necessary for the wife of a pioneer. It was said that the energy, industry and perseverance of her mother knew no bounds.

Comfort's father, David Knowles, was the favorite nephew of Prettyman Marvel. He resembled his uncle Prettyman, both physically and mentally. He felt a deep love and respect for the uncle and obeyed him as a father. Since Prudence (Marvel) Knowles, mother of David, had died before 1796, he had accompanied the Prettyman Marvels to Georgia in 1796 and had chosen to remain in

Kentucky in 1809, when the Marvels settled in the Indiana Territory. In 1812, David and Nancy (Piper) Knowles brought their family to Indiana and settled near the Marvels. Thus Comfort (Knowles) Marvel was a great granddaughter of David and Sarah (Prettyman) Marvel, and her husband, John Marvel, was a grandson of David and Sarah (Prettyman) Marvel.

James and Comfort (Knowles) Marvel went to housekeeping on the old homestead entered by his father, Prettyman Marvel, and lived there for more than fifty years. They helped largely in the development of southwestern Indiana from a wilderness to a prosperous farming community. James Marvel was a shrewd business man and very industrious. Besides his farm in Gibson County, Indiana, he also owned land in Franklin County, Illinois.

James Marvel was a devoted member of the Methodist Church from his early life, and attended revival meetings far and near. He was happy in his faith and very strict in all religious observances. He always had scripture reading and family devotions each night, and prevailed on all within his confines to attend. This was sometimes annoying to the youths who were calling on the young ladies in the home, nevertheless, he was very firm and they could either leave the house or attend the evening worship.

Comfort (Knowles) Marvel died May 20, 1883 and was buried in Antioch Cemetery. She was born in Gibson County, Indiana September 20, 1813.

After her death, Samuel Orr Marvel sold his farm in Franklin County, Illinois and with his wife Parthena and family returned to the old Marvel homestead in Indiana to care for his father. James Marvel died January 8, 1885 and was buried in Antioch Cemetery beside his wife of more than fifty years.

James and Comfort (Knowles) Marvel were the parents of 11 children:

1 - Wiley (1830-1864) was unmarried.

2 - Prettyman (1832-1853) died while visiting relatives and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois.

3 - Matilda Emmaline (1834-?) married George William Fullerton, M.D. and had 3 children: Nancy Louvina, Amsa (male) and Belle Fullerton.

4 - William Knowles (1836-1914) married Margaret Boren and had 2 children: Alvin E. and Manece (female) Marvel. His second marriage was to Josephine McColum and they had 7 children: unnamed daughter, Nonal Mansen (male), Estelle Ida, Miles Munford, William Walter, Alfred Owen and Nellie Mae Marvel.

5 - Nancy Lavina (1839-1886) married Dill Elkins and had 2 children: Louisa and Samuel Elkins.

6 - David (1841-1917) married Sarah E. Barton and had 8 children: Ada E, Myrtle M, Welzie Otis, Mary E (died in infancy), Lela D, Anna Versa, Hugh C and Vada F (died at 22 years of age) Marvel.

7 - Eliza Jane (1844-1892) married Harris Cox and had 9 children: James Oscar, Rosetta May, Wiley Marvel, Lizzie Adele, Fanny Comfort, Lemuel Potter, John Lewis, Delmer Emmett (died when 22 yrs. old) and Grover Clyde Cox.

8 - Permelia Elizabeth (1847-1875) married Samuel Wilkins and had no children.

9 - Samuel Orr (1849-?) married Parthena Cumi Bailey and had 8 children: Ola Drodote (male), Mary Minnie, Susan Ethel, James Roscoe, David Byron, Mattie Belle (died at age 13 years), Ralph Bailey and Samuel Lewis Marvel.

10 - James Laughlin (1852-1919) married Florence Wilson and had no children.

11 - John Doss (1855-1880) was unmarried.

12136 - Wiley Marvel

Wiley Marvel, sixth child and fourth son of Prettyman and Lavina (Rogers) Marvel, was born in Greene County, Georgia on April 4, 1806. He was a small lad when his parents migrated to the Indiana Territory, and the memory of hardships and perils incident to those times was stamped upon his young mind. Existence itself was a challenge in pioneer days.

Besides the incident of Indian massacres and the War of 1812, there were earthquakes in 1810 and 1811. The rough pioneers flocked to Prettyman Marvel's cabin, begging him to pray

for them, as they thought the end of the world was near. It is hoped that these spiritual awakenings were in some degree permanent.

Amid these surroundings, Wiley Marvel grew to manhood imbibing both the spirit of the wilderness and the spirit of a pious home. Education facilities were limited in those days, but he learned the rudiments of the three R's.

On March 30, 1826 he was married to Charity Fugat Clark, daughter of Braxton and Elizabeth (Fugat) Clark. She had been well trained in the rigors of the wilderness. After the marriage of her parents, they moved from South Carolina to North Carolina, where their children - Willie, John, Joseph and Charity Fugat Clark were born. About 1808, the Clarks emigrated to the Territory of Indiana, after having spent a few months in Knoxville, Tennessee, where a daughter, Mary Knox Clark, was born. The country was such a wilderness that the family brought no wagon. The little children rode between two feather beds lashed to a pack horse, while the older ones walked, driving the cow. They lived on food they could obtain from the forest. They proceeded to Gibson County, Indiana where they became neighbors of the Prettyman Marvel family. A daughter, Elizabeth, was born to the Clark family after they came to Indiana. Scarcely had they become settled in their new home, cleared a patch of ground and erected a rude cabin, when Braxton Clark was taken ill with fever and died. The eldest son, Willie, was sick for several months. John, the second son, was accidentally killed by a falling tree. So the widow was left with five small children to fight the battle of life. Later Elizabeth (Fugat) Clark married James Knowles, whose first wife, Patience (Marvel) Knowles, had died in 1817.

After Wiley and Charity (Clark) Marvel were married, they lived in a cabin Wiley had built, with neither nail or sawed board in it. Their table was a hewn slab, with pins driven in for legs. They had one mare and a small yoke of oxen to cultivate their land, which was heavily timbered, and \$2.50 in cash. Wiley cleared ten acres of land the first year of their marriage, which meant he often burned brush on moonlight nights. He raised hogs, butchered them and traded this product for household and farm necessities. He raised horses, also traded for some, until he had a boatload. He would go down the river from Evansville, Indiana to New Orleans, and usually the trip was very profitable, as horses sold for \$30 to \$40 each.

In March, 1852, Wiley and Charity (Clark) Marvel moved to De Witt County, Illinois where several of their relatives lived. They made the trip in the family carriage which Wiley and John Barr used three years later to drive to southern Illinois to bring Prettyman Marvel to central Illinois. The Wiley Marvel family settled near Midland City, where he became the owner of more than 800 acres of fertile land. Charity Marvel died at the home January 1, 1868.

The second wife of Wiley Marvel was Sarilda Martin. She was a sister of Freelove Martin, wife of James K. Marvel, oldest child of Wiley and Charity (Clark) Marvel. Thus Sarilda was the step-mother, as well as a sister-in-law, of James K; Philip Newton Marvel, the only child of Wiley and Sarilda (Martin) Marvel, was born February 11, 1872. He was a small child when his mother died. Wiley Marvel's third marriage was to Mrs. Christiana (Martin) Bonner. There were no children by this marriage.

True to the teachings of his childhood, Wiley Marvel was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was a leader and steward for more than fifty years. During the early years of his married life, his donations to the church always included butter, eggs, flour and other staples as well as cash. The Mt. Tabor Church was near his home as well as near his heart, and within its walls, he found great solace in his later years. Wiley Marvel died at the family home on July 27, 1883.

Wiley and Charity (Clark) Marvel were the parents of 10 children:

1 - James Knowles (1827-1890) married Freelove Martin and had 9 children: Mary Amanda, John Lowry, Philip Wiley (died in infancy), Charity Louise, William Henry, Elizabeth Maddox (died at 21 years of age), twins - Edward Wesley and Sarilda Jane and Freelove Marvel.

2 - Mary (1829-1898) married Charles Robinson Smith and had 11 children: James, Francis Marion, William A, John F, Daniel Wiley, Charles C (died in infancy), George W, Ida Arminta, Mary Emmaline, Florence (died in infancy) and Nellie B. Smith.

3 - Levina (1832-1833)

4 - Elizabeth (died in infancy)

5 - Prettyman (1835-1911) married Ellen Jane Kenton and had 2 children: Mary Ellen and Ulyssea Grant Marvel. She died in 1866, and the next year Prettyman Marvel married Mary Judith Jones and they had 8 children: unnamed infant (died at birth), Esther Almira, George Anthus, Harriet Newell, Asenath Cassandra, Alma, Mabel and Isabel Marvel.

6 - Joseph Wiley (1841-1909) married Nancy Emaline Barr and had 7 children: Elsie Elnora, George Lafayette, John Thomas, Charles Wiley, infant daughter (died in infancy), Alice May and Joseph Francis (Frank) Marvel.

7 - John Wealey (1841-1865) was unmarried.

8 - George Washington (1844-) married Samantha Lever and had 4 children: Mary Elizabeth, Arthur Ashbury, George Franklin and Charles Braxton Curtis Marvel. Samantha Marvel died in 1876, and two years later, George W. Marvel married Mary Frances Schatz and had 6 children: Florence Gertrude, Nellie Elsie, Wiley Ray, Ruth Pearl, Charlotte Esther and Lillian Marvel. The third marriage of George W. Marvel was to Mrs. Nancy Jane (Marvel) Shipley.

9 - Braxton (1848-1942) was married to Sarah E. Barr and had 5 children: Elsie Adora, Mary Edith, Thomas Everett, Edna Pearl and Ethel Muriel Marvel. Sarah E. Marvel died in 1908 and two years later, he married Hulda Lembke.

10 - William Henry (1851 - died in infancy).

11 - Phillip Newton (1872-1929), the only child of Wiley and Serilda (Martin) Marvel, married Melissa La Verne Humphreys and had 4 children: Eldon Bernard, Marshall Douglas, Emory De Loss and Lucille La Verne Marvel.

12137 - Nancy Marvel

Nancy Marvel, seventh child of Prettyman and Lavina (Rogers) Marvel was born in Greene County, Georgia about 1807 or 1808. She grew to womanhood in Gibson County, Indiana where she married Mahlon Stone. They made their home in southwestern Indiana. Mrs. Ella Yeakel had prepared the history of this family. It was sent east and unfortunately, it was lost. No information is available at this time.

12138 - Elizabeth Marvel

Elizabeth Marvel, the eighth child of Prettyman and Lavina (Rogers) Marvel was born in the summer of 1809 in Livingston County, Kentucky. In December of the previous year, Prettyman Marvel declared he had his fill of Georgia, the poor soil, the rugged hills and the humid weather, so their family, accompanied by the David Knowles family, started for their new home in the Indiana Territory. The caravan was delayed in the "Blue Grass Country" because of floodwaters and alarming reports of Indian massacres near their chosen destination.

As a young girl, Elizabeth assumed many responsibilities in the Marvel home. Her oldest sister, Patience, had married when Elizabeth was only 3 years old. Comfort had remained in the family home until 1822 and, no doubt, Nancy had married a few years later, so Elizabeth was the main helper to her mother in the many tasks of the home.

In 1836, she married Edmund B. McReynolds, son of Edward and Sarah (Anderson) McReynolds. His grandfather, Joseph McReynolds, a soldier in the Revolutionary War, was a pioneer in Gibson County, Indiana.

As the Indiana county became more thickly settled, Edmund McReynolds felt the urge to find new frontiers. In 1840, Elizabeth bade her aged parents and other relatives a last farewell. Her husband loaded their possessions in prairie schooners and, with little Sally and baby Nancy, they left for a new home in the Territory of Iowa. They passed through the fertile land of Illinois and established their new home in Jefferson County in southeastern Iowa Territory. This home was a small log cabin with one window and a door of clapboards. There was a puncheon floor and a fireplace with a sod chimney.

It was here that Elizabeth (Marvel) McReynolds died on September 11, 1849, seven months after the birth of their seventh child. She was buried in an old country cemetery near their home in Jefferson County, Iowa and her grave is unmarked.

Edmund B. McReynolds married Mary Ann Dyer in 1850. Besides rearing the 5 living children of Edmund and Elizabeth McReynolds, she and Edmund McReynolds had 5 children. In 1855, they moved to Brown County, Texas where Mary Ann (Dyer) McReynolds died on December 28, 1863 at the birth of their fifth child. The next year Edmund McReynolds married Mrs. Alabama (Baugh) Williams, a widow with 5 children.

The Comanche Indians were very troublesome in central Texas. On May 18, 1867 they raided the McReynolds ranch and drove off his cattle and horses. He left home to obtain horses to round up his cattle. Edmund McReynolds was found dead ten days later near Camp Colorado Post. He was pierced by three bullets, one arrow and was scalped.

Edmund and Elizabeth (Marvel) McReynolds were the parents of 7 children:

1 - Nancy (1836 - died in infancy)

2 - Sallie (1838-?) married Jacob Black and had 2 children: William Edmund and Lavina Jane Black.

3 - Nancy (1840-1846)

4 - George W (1841-ca 1865)

5 - Lavina J (1844-1866) married Frank Moore and had no children.

6 - Thomas J (1846-1874) married Mary J. Winter and had 3 children: Mary Ann, Robert L and Thomas E. McReynolds.

7 - Lewis C. (1849-1893) married Mary Williams and had no children.

12139 - George Rogers Marvel

George Rogers Marvel, the ninth and youngest child of Prettyman and Lavina (Rogers) Marvel was born March 8, 1815 in Gibson County, Indiana. He was their only child born in Indiana and was the namesake of his mother's brother, George Rogers.

At an early age, he learned the responsibilities of farm life, as his older brothers had married and were busy clearing their own land. When he was 10 years old, his brother, Prettyman, Jr., and his sister, Comfort (Marvel) Barr and their families had moved to Illinois.

On August 13, 1834, George Rogers Marvel was married to Sarah H. McReynolds, daughter of Edward and Sarah (Anderson) McReynolds. She was a sister to Edmund McReynolds, who later

married Elizabeth Marvel. Their father was the son of Joseph McReynolds, an American Revolutionary soldier from North Carolina who had fought in the battles of Guilford Court House, Eutaw Springs and several others.

The George Rogers Marvel family had remained at the family homestead in Gibson County until 1849, when he bought a farm in Posey County, Indiana. By this time, his father was 86 years of age and his mother was 84. He moved to his new home, taking his parents with him, and built a small, comfortable house for them. But the mother, Lavina, died the next year and, thereafter, Prettyman lived in the home of his son and family.

In 1851, George R. Marvel bought "Fancy Farm," an expanse of five or six hundred acres in Franklin County, Illinois. This was in Cave Township, about sixteen miles from Benton, the county seat. In the fall of 1855, Prettyman Marvel went to De Witt County to visit his son, Wiley, and daughter, Comfort (Marvel) Barr, and died there in 1856.

At the beginning of the Civil War, George R. Marvel enlisted in the infantry as a Veterinary Surgeon under General John A. Logan. He was a close friend of the General and, through his influence, George R. was commissioned a Colonel to raise a thousand men. He enlisted thirteen thousand men, organized the 13th Illinois Cavalry, which he led to the front in service for the Union Army. He fought at Belmont, Fort Henry, Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Corinth, Oxford, Holly Springs, Champion Hill, Black River, Raymond, Vicksburg and was in numerous skirmishes. He became so disabled by rheumatism that he had to be helped on and off his horse. On account of this and of deafness, he resigned as Colonel before the close of the war. Four sons and two sons-in-law of George R. Marvel were with him in the army.

George R. Marvel and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he served as a steward over twenty years. True to the Marvel tradition, he was a lover of fine horses and usually had several to exhibit at the County Fairs.

George R. Marvel died February 16, 1889 and his wife, Sarah (McReynolds) Marvel, died June 29, 1901.

They were the parents of 12 children:

1 - Asenath Ellen (1836-1918) married Jesse Green Mitchell and had 5 children: Willis Elmore, Sarah Elizabeth, Thomas Green, John Milton and Charles Emory Mitchell.

2 - Prettyman Wood (1839-1926) married Permelia Shepherd and had 12 children: Florinda, Logan, Lewis, Sallie H., Cassie Ellen, Lillie Ansley, Nellie, Bertha Ann (died in infancy), George, Myrtle, Edward A. and Thomas Jefferson Marvel.

3 - John Julian (1840 - ca 1867)

4 - Wiley Hensley (1843-1926) married Mary E. Herrill and had 8 children: Ella, Annie, Milliam (died in infancy), Ollie, John J., Charles Hensley, Ida and William Teal Marvel.

5 - William Teal (1845-ca 1867)

6 - James Edward (1847-1923) married Alice Bundy and had 4 children: Lora Lee, Thomas Edward, Claudia May and Willie Bundy Marvel.

7 - Sarah E. (1849-1874) married George Mason Willmore and had 3 children: Myrtle, Ollie (died in infancy), and Claudia Willmore.

8 - Lucy Jo (1852-1892) married John J. Plumlee and had 5 children: Hattie M., Charles Willson, William Arthur, Ellen and Bessie (died at 11 years of age) Plumlee.

9 - Lavina (1855 - died in infancy)

10 - Martha A. (1857-1916) married George Washington Weaver and had 2 children: William A. and Mae Weaver.

11 - George Hill (1859 - died when a young man).

12 - Hattie May (1862-?) married George W. Stevens and had 5 children: Raymond, Ralph Waldo (died in infancy), Daisy, Lora E, and Jesse M, Stevens.

THIS IS YOUR LINE

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Generations

	John		Patience	John
		#121 David (1721-1796)	Prudence	Mary Barr
		Sarah Prettyman	#1213 Prettyman (1763-1856)	Elizabeth Williams
		Viley Clear	Lavina Rogers	Patience Robert Montgomery
#1 John Marvel (1632-1707)		Abigail	Elizabeth	Comfort John Barr
Ann West	#12 Thomas (1682-1757)	Thomas	David	#12134 Prettyman, Jr. (1801-1842)
	Elizabeth Huggins	Phillip	Burton	Rebecca Barr
		Robert		James S. Comfort Knowles
				Wiley Charity Clark
				Nancy Mahlon Stone
				Elizabeth Edmond McReynolds
				George R. Sarah McReynolds

SIXTH GENERATION

Children of Prettyman, Jr. and Rebecca (Barr) Marvel

The eleven children born to Prettyman, Jr. and Rebecca (Barr) Marvel represent the sixth generation of this family history. They were grandchildren of Prettyman and Lavina (Rogers) Marvel, they were also grandchildren of John, Jr. and Nancy Agnes (Hamilton) Barr.

121341 - John Shrader Marvel, first child of Prettyman, Jr. and Rebecca (Barr) Marvel was born March 14, 1824 near Owensville, Gibson County, Indiana. He was a baby when his parents moved to Illinois. He grew to manhood, learning by experience the various phases of pioneer life while living on his father's homestead, which was located about one mile south of the present village of Waynesville, DeWitte County, Illinois. He was 18 years of age when his father died. He proved to be a capable helper to his mother in managing the farming and livestock operations. John S. Marvel was adored by his younger brothers and sisters. They enjoyed working in the field or garden under his direction, as with an understanding of child nature, he gave them something to look forward to, by promising to tell a story after an allotted amount of work was done--the task finished, the story was always forthcoming while they rested.

On July 25, 1847 John Shrader Marvel married Jane Roberts, daughter of Elisha and Elizabeth (Montgomery) Roberts. John S. Marvel and his betrothed wife, accompanied by five or six couples, rode on horseback to Postville (now Lincoln, Illinois), a distance of about twenty miles, where they were united in marriage. The bride was born April 19, 1829, near Owensville, Gibson County, Indiana. At the age of seventeen she came to Illinois with her uncle, Joseph Williams and family. She rode most of the distance of two hundred miles on the noted race horse "Burnthead", which was owned by her Uncle Joseph. After her arrival in Illinois Jane Roberts made her home with another relative, Thomas Maddox, until her marriage to John S. Marvel.

John S. Marvel bought 160 acres of raw prairie land, southeast of Waynesville, in section 8, Barnett Township, DeWitt County, Illinois. Half of this land he entered from the government at \$1.25 per acre. This land was owned by family descendants for over 100 years. John S. Marvel built a log cabin and began life

as one of the pioneer families of central Illinois. Jane Marvel hauled rails with a team of oxen to make a fence around their cabin. This was to keep out the cattle which were running at large over the prairie. Their four children were born in the log cabin. After the birth of their last child, John S. Marvel planted four evergreen trees in the yard--one for each child. These trees stood for many years and recalled fond memories. In 1858 a modern, 2-story brick home replaced the log cabin.

Having overcome all the difficulties and privations known only to pioneers, and standing on the threshold of a prosperous future, John Shrader Marvel died on December 10, 1861. John S. Marvel was about 5 feet 6 inches tall, very heavy built, dark eyes and hair, and had a large square forehead. He had unusual business ability and was a fine conversationalist, being well read in all literature available at that time.

On December 27, 1865 Jane (Roberts) Marvel married Franklin Crawford. They remained on the farm until 1882, when they bought a comfortable home in Waynesville. Jane (Roberts) Crawford died there on July 11, 1890, and was buried beside the husband of her youth, in Evergreen Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois.

John S. and Jane (Roberts) Marvel were the parents of 4 children: Rebecca, William Thomas, Elisha Roberts and Sarah Elizabeth Marvel.

121342 - James Marvel, second child of Prettyman, Jr. and Rebecca (Barr) Marvel, was born October 29, 1825 near Springfield, Illinois. His parents had left their home in Gibson County, Indiana the previous year and crossed the Sangamon River on New Year's Day in 1825. They settled near Springfield, rented some land from Thomas Prin and raised a crop. They were not satisfied with this area so they went to Indiana to visit relatives. With the sturdy two-wheeled cart and yoke of oxen his parents went to Illinois in February, 1826. They settled at Pilot Grove, near the present village of Waynesville, DeWitt County, Illinois. At an early age he learned to till the soil and help his father with the livestock. He was almost 17 years old when his father died. James Marvel learned to assume many responsibilities at an early age.

On July 15, 1847 James Marvel married Maria Gambrel, daughter of Thompson P. and Elizabeth (Roberts) Gambrel. Maria Gambrel was born September 27, 1829 in Gibson County, Indiana.

After the death of Elizabeth R. Gambrel, her husband had come to Illinois with their 5 children: Maria, William, James, Mary Ann and Elisha. James and Maria (Gambrel) Marvel went to housekeeping on 160 acres of land in Section 7, Barnett Township, DeWitt County, Illinois. They lived here until 1858 when he traded with his brother, Prettyman, for the east 160 acres of their father's homestead in Waynesville Township. This land was about one half mile south of the village. In 1861 James Marvel had an accident and was struck in the back with a buggy tongue. He was an invalid until his death February 6, 1876. James Marvel was a man of good business judgment and was a successful farmer. About 1868 he purchased 240 acres of prairie land in Vermilion County, Illinois, which was farmed by his three older sons and his son-in-law. He was an accommodating neighbor, a kind husband and father, amiable in disposition and bore his long affliction with Christian fortitude. One of his younger brothers had said it required no effort for his brother "Jim" to be good, as he was just naturally good.

After the death of her husband, Maria (Gambrel) Marvel carried on the business of the home farm, assisted by her younger sons. In 1883 the farm in DeWitt County, Illinois was sold and Maria moved to Hamilton County, Nebraska, where all her children except Nancy, had settled. Maria and her sons, Stephen Douglas and John S. bought the Spanogle ranch which was well known as the headquarters of large farming and ranching operations. This ranch was near Giltner, Nebraska. It was here that Maria (Gambrel) died on March 30, 1898. She was laid to rest beside her husband in Evergreen Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois.

James and Maria (Gambrel) Marvel were the parents of 9 children: Thompson, Nancy Jane, William Prettyman, Henry (died in infancy), Rebecca Elizabeth, James Wiley, Mary Ann (died when young), Stephen Douglas and John S. Marvel.

121343 - Nancy Marvel, third child of Prettyman, Jr. and Rebecca (Barr) Marvel, was born November 4, 1827. Her birth was an event in the lives of the pioneers, as she was the first white child to be born in the newly settled DeWitt County, Illinois. Being the oldest daughter in a pioneer family, Nancy learned to help her mother in household tasks, at an early age. She was the first of the Marvel children to marry. On December 12, 1844, at 17 years of age, she married William Teal, son of Adam and Hannah (Gudgel) Teal. His parents were from Pennsylvania, but had migrated to

Indiana, where their son, William, was born August 18, 1818. William Teal left Indiana in 1843, riding the distance of 200 miles on horseback in the company of a friend, John Mason Armstrong. Mr. Armstrong settled near Stanford, McLean County, Illinois, but William Teal came to DeWitt County, where he married Nancy Marvel the following year. William and Nancy Teal spent the next two years at the Marvel household, while he farmed rented land in the area. For the following 8 years they purchased and sold farm lands near Waynesville. In 1854 they bought 160 acres in section 19, Barnett Township, DeWitt County, Illinois. This land was four and one half miles south of Waynesville and is still owned by a grandson, Ray Holt Teal. On this farm their three sons grew to manhood. William and Nancy Teal celebrated their golden wedding on December 12, 1894. William Teal died at the family home November 1, 1897.

Nancy Teal was noted for her remarkable memory and was interviewed by many authors who wrote histories of DeWitt County and the early residents. At an early age she united with the Waynesville Methodist Episcopal Church, which her parents had been instrumental in establishing. Later she and her family joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Midland City, a village about three miles southwest of their home. Nancy Teal was always ready to be of assistance to neighbors and friends. Someone said "The winter was never too cold, the snow and mud too deep, to keep Aunt Nancy from the homes of the needy and the bedsides of the suffering". Nancy Teal continued to live on the farm until March, 1913. She had gone to visit Mr. and Mrs. Braxton Marvel and while there she had fallen. Due to the infirmities of her age she did not recover from the effects of the fall. She died May 17, 1913 at the age of 85 years. Her funeral service was at the Presbyterian Church in Waynesville. William and Nancy Teal were buried in Union Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois.

William and Nancy (Marvel) Teal were the parents of 3 sons: John Thomas, Henry Martial and Wiley M. Teal.

121344 - Unnamed son of Prettyman, Jr. and Rebecca (Barr) Marvel, twin to Nancy, was born November 4, 1827 near Waynesville, Illinois. He died in infancy and was buried in Pilot Grove Cemetery.

121345 - Cynthia Marvel, twin, the fifth child of Prettyman, Jr. and Rebecca (Barr) Marvel was born near Waynesville, Illinois January 29, 1830. She and her twin sister, Lavina, shared their household tasks as well as the outdoor work required of them. On May 15, 1848

Cynthia Marvel married Montgomery Warrick, Jr., son of Jacob G. and Patsey (Shelton) Warrick. They lived on a farm near Postville, now Lincoln, Illinois. But the happiness of the young couple was of short duration, as Montgomery Warrick, Jr. died December 18, 1848. He was born in Indiana, January 26, 1828. Cynthia (Marvel) Warrick returned to her mother's home near Waynesville, Illinois. November 7, 1849 Cynthia married Ira Francis Armstrong, son of Kirby and Miranda C. (Gambrel) Armstrong. They made their home on a farm near Clinton, Illinois. It was here that Cynthia (Marvel) Armstrong died on October 16, 1868. Later Ira F. Armstrong married Mrs. Annie M. Gambrel, widow of Thompson Gambrel. (This Thompson Gambrel was the son of Henry Gambrel, Sr.). Ira F. Armstrong died in Clinton, Illinois July 12, 1889 and was buried beside the wife of his youth, in Union Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois.

Ira Francis and Cynthia (Marvel) Armstrong were the parents of 7 children: William H. (died in infancy), Rebecca J. (died in infancy), Kirby (died in infancy), Miranda, Nancy E., Susan and Winnie A. Armstrong.

121346 - Lavina Marvel, sixth child of Prettyman, Jr. and Rebecca (Barr) Marvel, a twin to Cynthia, was born January 29, 1830. On May 15, 1848 there was a double wedding at the Prettyman Marvel homestead when Lavina Marvel became the bride of Archer Evans and her twin sister, Cynthia, married Montgomery Warrick, Jr. Archer and Lavina Evans lived in Postville, where he was in the mercantile business. The happiness of the bride lasted only a few months, as her husband died September 4, 1848. Archer Evans was born November 4, 1826.

Lavina Evans returned to the home of her mother, Rebecca Gambrel, who had married Thompson P. Gambrel the previous year. Within a few months she was joined by her widowed twin sister, Cynthia. In the summer of 1849 Lavina Evans and Cynthia Warrick visited their relatives in Indiana. A revival meeting was being held at the Mount Zion campgrounds during their visit. The "Marvel Twins" dressed in full mourning attracted much notice and sympathy.

On September 30, 1849 Lavina (Marvel) Evans married John Armstrong, son of Kirby and Miranda C. (Gambrel) Armstrong. John and Lavina Armstrong lived on a farm near Sugar Creek, close to Atlanta, Illinois. They moved to Shelby County, near Shelbyville but in 1856 came to Logan County, near Beason, Illinois.

In 1866 John and Lavina Armstrong purchased 160 acres of prairie land north of Farmer City. This land was in McLean County. They built a new house and made plans for this to be their permanent home. But in 1870 James Gillerson Armstrong, the unmarried son of John's parents, died, leaving the Kirby Armstrong's and Mary Jane, the unmarried daughter, in the farm home near Hallsville. John Armstrong and his father sold their land and purchased 240 acres in Vermilion County, near where the town of Armstrong was located. At a later date Kirby Armstrong built a large two-story house and the two families began making their home in this sparsely settled area. But their plans were broken within a few years. John Armstrong died February 3, 1873. Within three weeks Mary Jane Armstrong and Miranda (Gambrel) Armstrong died. Thus Lavina (Marvel) was left a widow and Kirby Armstrong was an aged widower. Lavina Armstrong remained on the Vermilion County farm. On March 21, 1875 she married William Hornbeck, a widower. He died in 1883. William Hornbeck was born in West Virginia in 1822. In 1884 Lavina Hornbeck and family moved to Waynesville, Illinois. She wanted to be close to her mother, who was now 78 years old. Two of Lavina's sons had already returned to Waynesville. It was here that Lavina (Marvel) Hornbeck died on November 8, 1893. She was buried in Union Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois, beside her husband, John Armstrong.

John and Lavina (Marvel) Armstrong were the parents of 10 children: Mary Jane (died in infancy), Henry Thompson, Miranda Caroline, William Francis, George Dallas, Kirby, Rebecca (died in infancy), Cynthia (died in infancy), Johnnie (died when young) and Ella A. Armstrong.

The following verses were written in her memory--

MY FIRST FRIEND AND MY BEST

(A Tribute to Mother)

My first friend, and my best,--my Mother!
A magic sweet, the name seems to possess.
It e'er evokes some memory from the past,
A loving word, a smile, or fond caress.
Dear guardian of my youth, so patient, kind,--
How long it seems since last I saw her face,
Or knew the cheer her presence shed o'er all
Beneath the roof-tree of the old home place.

How long since last I heard that soft-toned voice,
Which oft in childhood lulled me to repose;

Or felt the tender pressure of those hands,
Which laved my brow and soothed my childish woes.
Though years ago she bade us all farewell,
We cherish still each dear familiar way;
Her loving counsel and unceasing care,
They, too, are green in memory today.

As an oblation, freely, gladly given,
Did love and strength and life itself outpour.
For family and friends, or neighbors' need,
And e'en for passing stranger at her door,
Though homely was the task, she gladly served,
And never by word or look did she repine;
She went her daily round until God called--
Then with assurance passed to life Divine.

It may be she who taught me how to walk,
Beside the gate of Heaven keeps watch today.
And as views our sphere mid circling orbs,
E'en sees each step I take along life's way.
Hers was the purest 'mong all earthly loves;
Ne'er can her place be filled by any other;
Methinks the first of earth I greet in Heaven,
Will be my first friend, and my best,--my Mother!

--Ella A. Yeakel.

121347 - Prettyman Marvel, seventh child of Prettyman, Jr. and Rebecca (Barr) Marvel, was born March 31, 1832 on the Marvel home-
stead near Waynesville, Illinois. He was the third generation to bear this unusual name. His grandfather, son of David and Sarah (Prettyman) Marvel, was the first Prettyman Marvel. He was never known as Prettyman Marvel III, as he was only ten years of age when his father, Prettyman, Jr. died. He grew to manhood on the family farm, sharing the work with his older brothers.

In 1853 he married Permelia Malone, daughter of Henry and Evaline (Gambrel) Malone. They lived southeast of Waynesville, their farm being about one-fourth mile from the home of his oldest brother, John Shrader Marvel.

In April, 1859, Prettyman Marvel joined a company of young men who hoped to acquire a fortune digging gold in Colorado. With him were Richard Botkin, Elijah Coleman, Prettyman Barr,

Prettyman and Joseph Marvel. The last two named were sons of Wiley Marvel (see page 39). Three covered wagons were loaded with supplies of cured meat, flour, corn meal and dried fruit. For the arduous journey two yoke of oxen were needed to pull each wagon. The men walked, driving their oxen. At St. Joseph, Missouri, they were joined by twenty young men, who shared their roseeate dream. They traveled westward, crossing the Big Blue River, near the present city of Marysville, Kansas. They stopped at Fort Kearney, on the Platte River in Nebraska, then continued to Pike's Peak in Colorado. Their search for gold proved fruitless and the men returned in the fall of the same year. Their only treasure was a small vial of the precious metal, enough to make a ring for Richard Botkin. All of them returned with buffalo robes, obtained by trading with the Indians. Prettyman Marvel had his robe made into a coat. As it was too small, he sold it to Hugh Swan.

In 1890 the Prettyman Marvels left Illinois, going to Nebraska, where sons James and George Henry had settled. They farmed in Platte and Nance counties. Permelia (Malone) Marvel died near Palmer, Nebraska, November 25, 1898 and was buried in the Palmer cemetery. She was born in Indiana December 27, 1840.

Prettyman Marvel continued to farm with his sons, James and A. Jackson. His home was adjacent to that of his daughter Stella Mae (Marvel) Lawson. In 1909, at the age of 75 he retired from farming. The next year he visited in Illinois, spending much of his time with his sister, Nancy Teal. Later his daughter, Dr. Sarah Elizabeth (Marvel) Morse of Los Angeles, California, came to Illinois. Prettyman Marvel went to California to live with his daughter. He died in Los Angeles, California, March 7, 1913 and was buried there.

Prettyman and Permelia (Malone) Marvel were the parents of 12 children: William (died in infancy), James T., Eliza, Andrew Jackson, Sarah Elizabeth, George Henry, Edward E. Stella Mae and Olive Grace Marvel. Three other children died in infancy.

121348 - Rebecca Marvel, eighth child of Prettyman, Jr. and Rebecca (Barr) Marvel was born near Waynesville, Illinois on October 10, 1834. She remained at the family household longer than any of the Marvel daughters. On December 28, 1854 she was united in marriage to Martin Loer, son of Thomas, Sr. and Sarah (Patterson) Loer. He was born in Hamilton County, Ohio, October 1, 1832. The Loers made their home in Logan County, Illinois, until 1861 when they moved to Decatur. Martin Loer was a soldier in the Civil War. He

enlisted in Company A, 149th Regiment, Illinois Infantry at Decatur on February 15, 1865, and was discharged January 27, 1866 at Dalton, Georgia. The following year they moved to Taylorville, Illinois. Martin Loer died there, February 3, 1778, after an illness lasting several years. Rebecca Loer returned to Waynesville so the younger children would have the companionship of their cousins, and she would be near her mother, who had recently been widowed. Her oldest son, Thomas Loer, chose to go to Texas. As the other boys matured they left their mother's home and went to Peoria, Illinois to work. When the youngest daughter, Leota, graduated from the Waynesville Academy, Rebecca Loer moved to Peoria to provide better working opportunities for her children. Later she made her home with her daughter, Mary Armstrong of Peoria but frequently visited relatives and friends in the vicinity of Waynesville. She died October 5, 1917 at the Armstrong home. Rebecca Loer was a remarkable woman. She was a lifelong member of the Waynesville Methodist Episcopal church, and for many years ministered to the sick and sorrowing, doing much to brighten the path of those with whom she came in contact. To the end of her life, she was very active and took a lively interest in affairs of the day. She never grew old in mind or spirit and was always a bright companion for those who were her junior in years. Her passing marked an empty void in many hearts and her memory was a benediction over the lives of those who knew and loved her. Funeral services were held at the home in Peoria, after which the body was brought to Waynesville on the afternoon train. An impressive service was held at the Methodist Episcopal church, with Dr. B. F. Shipp of Bloomington, officiating. The remarks of Dr. Shipp, who knew the deceased intimately for many years, most effectively described the greatness of her life, measured by the Master's standard. Rebecca Loer was buried in Union Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois, by the side of Martin Loer.

Martin and Rebecca (Marvel) Loer were the parents of 10 children: Thomas E., Mary J., William Paterson, George Marvel, Earnest, Bernice Belle, Leota May and Jesse Loer. Two children died in infancy.

121349 - Mary Ann Marvel, ninth child of Prettyman, Jr. and Rebecca (Barr) Marvel was born near Waynesville, Illinois, January 3, 1837. In the years following her father's death she helped her older brothers and sisters with the farm work. Corn planting was done by hand, so the barefoot children of the Marvel family, dropped the seed, and then covered it with a hoe. In the fall oxen were used to pull the wagon through the field and the corn was husked by hand.

In August 1852 Mary Ann Marvel married William Gambrel, son of Thompson P. and Elizabeth (Roberts) Gambrel. His mother died in Indiana and after coming to Illinois his father married Rebecca (Barr) Marvel in October 1847. William and Mary Ann Gambrel made their home about 3½ miles south of Waynesville, where they acquired a farm of 320 acres. He served as school director, highway commissioner and held various township offices. He was elected Treasurer of DeWitt County in 1873 and again in 1875. During this period they made their home in Clinton, Illinois. William Gambrel was nominated for State Senator by the Democratic party but was defeated in the election. In 1894 he retired from farming and moved to Tabor. He was in the mercantile and grain business there until his death September 7, 1909. William Gambrel was born in Posey County, Indiana October 10, 1833.

Mary Ann Gambrel continued to make her home in Tabor, with her youngest daughter, Minnie, to care for her. Their home was a gathering place for relatives and friends. Birthdays and Christmas were festive occasions. On January 3, 1931, Mary Ann Gambrel celebrated her 94th birthday. A large cake, complete with candles, was baked by her daughter, Minnie. Mary Ann Gambrel was one of the oldest residents of DeWitt County and had lived through hardships that made the much talked of "Great Depression" of 1931 seem like a mere trifle. She died at her home in Tabor on August 9, 1931. She had outlived all her brothers and sisters and nine of her children. She was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois by the side of her husband of more than 50 years.

William and Mary Ann (Marvel) Gambrel were the parents of 16 children: Thompson (died in infancy), Rebecca Jane, James H. (died in infancy), William Prettyman, Nancy Elizabeth, George M., Charles (died in infancy), Maria (died in infancy), Lavina, twins - Adda and Eva, Thomas Franklin, Laura Emma, Walter Calvin, Anna Belle and Minnie Gambrel.

12134-10 - Wiley Marvel, tenth child of Prettyman, Jr. and Rebecca (Barr) Marvel was born March 19, 1839 near Waynesville, Illinois. He remained at the Marvel homestead longer than any of the children. On August 25, 1864 he married Elizabeth M. Williams, daughter of Moses and Catherine (McElhiney) Williams. They established their home about 1½ miles south of Waynesville, in Barnett Township. It was here their ten children were born and reared to maturity, with the exception of the youngest, who died in infancy. It is said their large home was once a hotel in Waynesville. Wiley Marvel bought the building and moved it to the farm. There is the legend

that Abraham Lincoln was a guest of the hotel in the early days of his career as a lawyer. The home had a fireplace on the west wall of the dining room. This wall also contained a series of built-in drawers. Each child's name was painted on a drawer and he was responsible for seeing that his possessions were stored in the proper drawer.

Elizabeth Marvel united with the Mt. Zion Methodist Episcopal church soon after her marriage. In later years she took an active part in the organization of the Waynesville Christian Church and the erection of the new house of worship. She did not live to see the church dedicated. One of the three memorial windows in the church was in her memory. Elizabeth (Williams) died September 10, 1894. She was born in Waynesville Township, January 19, 1847. She was a sincere Christian woman, and was always ready to lend a helping hand to the needy or the distressed.

In the spheres of farmer, stock raiser and investor Wiley Marvel was eminently successful. He acquired large holdings of land in Barnett and Waynesville Townships and in the state of Missouri. He was a public spirited citizen, always interested in community enterprizes. He was instrumental in establishing the Waynesville Academy, which did so much in providing education for the young people of DeWitt and adjoining counties. In 1913 this institution became the Waynesville Township High School. When the Waynesville State Bank was organized in 1891 he was chairman of the meeting, and later served on the Board of Directors. Wiley Marvel had a jovial disposition, was sincere in his convictions and was a truly charitable person. He possessed a keen intellect, was well informed on the affairs of the State and the Nation. He delighted in discussing some issue of the day with a friend or acquaintance.

In April 1905 Wiley Marvel retired from the farm and moved to Waynesville. He died at his home July 2, 1906. Wiley and Elizabeth Marvel were buried in Union Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois.

Wiley and Elizabeth (Williams) Marvel were the parents of 10 children: Ida May, Adda Olivia, Otis Clarence, George Bertram, Luther Martin, Cora Anna, William Justin, Charles Wiley, Verna Belle and Merrit Marvel. This last child died in infancy.

12134-11 - George Marvel, eleventh child of Prettyman, Jr. and Rebecca (Barr) Marvel, was born August 31, 1841 near Waynesville, Illinois. His early years were spent on the farm with his mother, his father had died in the year following his birth. On March 12, 1862, he enlisted in the Union Army, becoming a member of Company B, Second Illinois Cavalry. He served under Generals Hulbert, Davies and Smith. He took part in the Battle of Shiloh, as well as many other engagements in Texas and adjoining states. In April 1864 he received a furlough and came to his home in Illinois. He was united in marriage to Louvisa Houchins on April 19, 1864. He returned to Texas and was mustered out at San Antonio during the winter of 1865. With his wife and daughter, Rebecca Elizabeth, he moved to a farm in Logan County. Later he was in the mercantile business in Waynesville. By 1880 much interest was shown in western land and the George Marvel family migrated to Lexington, Dawson County, Nebraska. The following year they went to Colorado, where they remained for two years. They moved to Hamilton County, Nebraska, where he farmed for several years. He retired in Phillips, Nebraska, where he owned property.

April 19, 1914 George and Louvisa Marvel celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. This was an extraordinary observance as it was the wedding date of their granddaughter, Hattie May Travis. After her marriage to Leon G. Beers, the ceremony was repeated, re-uniting Mr. and Mrs. Marvel. The George Marvels also celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary. On September 30, 1923 Mr. and Mrs. George Marvel were honored guests at the Marvel Reunion held in Phillips, Nebraska. In 1928 he and his daughters, Mrs. Jane Travis and Mrs. Hattie Nielson, attended the Marvel Reunion in Peoria, Illinois.

Louvisa (Houchins) Marvel died February 22, 1927, in Phillips, Nebraska. George Marvel died February 8, 1931, at the home of his daughter, Hattie C. Nielson in Fairbury, Nebraska. They were buried in Phillips, Nebraska.

George and Louvisa (Houchins) Marvel were the parents of 8 children: Rebecca Elizabeth, Carrie Belle, Mary Jane, twins- Stella May and Della Fay (died in infancy), Hattie Catherine and William Prettyman Marvel. One child, unnamed, died at birth.

THIS IS YOUR LINE
6th, 7th and 8th Generations

# 121341	Rebecca Marvel	Annie L. Swan
	Alexander Swan	William Zorger
John S. Marvel	W. Thomas Marvel	John Swan
	Eleanor J. Jones	Archibald Swan
Jane Roberts	Elisha R. Marvel	Grace V. Swan
	Sarah E. Marvel	Ashton Campbell
# 121342 - James Marvel (see next page)		John Everett Marvel
		Eva M. Marvel
		Ethel Fern Marvel
		Albert Bloomberg
		Opal Marvel
# 121343		Arthur F. Barnett
Nancy Marvel		M. Pauline Crouse
		Daisy B. Teal
		Lawrence Morris
		Asa A. Teal
		Jesse R. Smith
		Myra M. Teal
		Joseph E. Barr
		William P. Teal
		S. Belle Hammitt
		Grace E. Teal
		William Stearns
		Bertha E. Teal
		Mantie M. Teal
		Clinton Bowen
		Lillian M. Teal
		LeRoy A. Higgs
		Chester M. Teal
		Gertrude Sampson
		Joseph M. Teal
		Nettie Brown
		Lina E. Finfrock
		Florence Miller
		Florence M. Teal
		Howard Thayer
		Nellie M. Teal
		Leslie Price
		James Buck
		Lester M. Teal
		Nellie Baker
		Ray H. Teal
		Marion E. Pederson

	James A. Marvel
	Lulu Cantrell
	George H. Marvel
	Bernice Weekly
	Lillie Marvel
Thompson Marvel	Stella Marvel
Margaret J. French	Perry O. Marvel
	Lena Bowers
	Irene M. Marvel
	Claude Chapman
	Maggie E. Marvel
	Lemoyn Gallentine
	Della Marvel
	Adolph Voss
	Delmar Marvel
	Amy E. Shipley
	Frank Eddy
	Joseph B. Violette
Nancy Jane Marvel	James M. Shipley
William Shipley	Lorraine Winegardner
George W. Marvel	George T. Shipley
	Lydia Winegardner
	Wilhelm D. Shipley
	Mamie Kirby
	E. Francis Shipley
	Martha Mercer
	Minnie B. Marvel
	John T. Garrett
	John W. Marvel
	Alma Sims
	Edward M. Marvel
	Ada Dryden
Wm Prettyman Marvel	Thompson Marvel
Sarah C. Darnell	unnamed son
	Annie Marvel
	Alva Marvel
	Alonzo Marvel
	Nettie Short
	Vermil E. Marvel
	Myrtle Evans
	Eva Godown
	Guy Marvel
Henry Marvel	Charles W. Wagner
	Edith Van Ness
	J. Rufus Wagner
	Christine Christensen
	James M. Wagner
	Jennie Berryman
	Carl Wagner
	Hazel Soward
Rebecca E. Marvel	Wallace Wagner
Matthias Wagner	Ala B. Kelly

121342 - cont.

James Marvel

Maria Gambrel

121344

unnamed son

Twin to Nancy

121345 - twin

Cynthia Marvel

M. Warrick, Jr.

Ira F. Armstrong

James Wiley Marvel

Melissa French

Mary Ann Marvel

S. Douglas Marvel

Eliz. Kirkpatrick

Sarah Wagner

John S. Marvel

Mary Bedell

William Armstrong

Rebecca Armstrong

Kirby Armstrong

Miranda Armstrong

George Francis

Susan Armstrong

Jacob Snook

Winnie A. Armstrong

Andrew J. Kemp

I. G. Ethel Marvel

Lewis A. Williams

Dora Marie Marvel

Melvin F. Campbell

James Algy Marvel

Mabel Case

Stephana D. Marvel

Charles Woodside

Adeline J. Marvel

Arthur Narath

Frank Rooney

Lela F. Marvel

John K. Marvel

Ruth G. Liggett

E. Fauvette Marvel

Preston Sexton

Chester Hauser

Sherman E. Marvel

Edyth P. Kane

Archie D. Marvel

Ruth Capps

Elizabeth Newell

Iva F. Marvel

Marshall Logan

Arthur Rehberg

Amy Inez Marvel

Orrie B. Marvel

Vera Reed

J. Benjamin Marvel

Claude E. Marvel

Helen Sutton

Laurence Marvel

Florence Broyles

Laurene Marvel

Lydall H. Riffe

Lela Marvel

J. Russell Joynt

Carrie M. Francis

Louis Winthers

William S. Francis

Mollie Ljungren

Harry E. Francis

Ida Anderson

Charley R. Francis

Ethel Lockard

Ira A. Kemp

Anna Laura Wene

121346 - twin
Lavina Marvel
Archer Evans
John Armstrong

<u>Mary J. Armstrong</u>	<u>Edith R. Armstrong</u>
<u>Henry T. Armstrong</u>	<u>Dean Stormer</u>
<u>Flora Hornbeck</u>	<u>Mabel M. Armstrong</u>
	<u>Paul D. Hance</u>
	<u>Percival D. Armstrong</u>
	<u>Mary McClure</u>
<u>Miranda Armstrong</u>	
<u>Franklin Crawford</u>	
<u>William F. Armstrong</u>	<u>John D. Armstrong</u>
<u>Mary J. Loer</u>	<u>Nellie Weber</u>
<u>George D. Armstrong</u>	
<u>Kirby Armstrong</u>	
<u>Rebecca Armstrong</u>	
<u>Cynthia Armstrong</u>	
<u>Johnnie Armstrong</u>	
<u>Ella Armstrong</u>	<u>Kirby A. Yeakel</u>
<u>Douglas A. Yeakel</u>	<u>Alice Cooper</u>
<u>William Marvel</u>	
<u>James T. Marvel</u>	
	<u>William Gillett</u>
	<u>Martha Gillett</u>
	<u>Ida Gillett</u>
	<u>James Gillett</u>
<u>Eliza Marvel</u>	<u>John Gillett</u>
<u>George Gillett</u>	<u>Ella Gillett</u>
	<u>Juanita Gillett</u>
	<u>Lydia Gillett</u>
<u>A. Jackson Marvel</u>	
<u>E. Elizabeth Marvel</u>	
<u>Isaac C. Morse</u>	<u>Nellie Morse</u>
<u>Samuel P. Robb</u>	<u>George Metcalf</u>
<u>G. Henry Marvel</u>	<u>Forest E. Marvel</u>
<u>Rhoda Johnson</u>	
<u>Edward E. Marvel</u>	
	<u>J. Leonard Lawson</u>
	<u>Hildred McClellan</u>
	<u>W. Leland Lawson</u>
	<u>Marie Lamb</u>
<u>Stella Mae Marvel</u>	<u>Blanche Copelan</u>
<u>D. Lewis Lawson</u>	<u>E. Mae Lawson</u>
	<u>Charles E. Wilson</u>
	<u>O. Grace Lawson</u>
	<u>Clarence McCormick</u>
<u>Olive Grace Marvel</u>	<u>Carl L. Heldring</u>
<u>J. J. Heldring</u>	

121347
Prettyman Marvel
Permelia Malone

121348

Rebecca Marvel

Martin Loer

Thomas E. Loer	Rebecca F. Loer Dallas Fisher Leota M. Loer George M. Dooley Martin Allen Loer
Annie A. Mitchell	Esther L. Loer Everett White Katherine Loer Doyle Miller George M. Loer Maude Barton
Mary J. Loer	John D. Armstrong William Armstrong
	Nellie Weber
Wm Patterson Loer	Clyde E. Loer Donald H. Loer Effie Stewart Bernice Loer Zulla Loer
Alphine Hedrick	Leter Neal William P. Loer, Jr. Doris A. Loer John Brown George M. Loer Albert S. Loer Lulu Rae Loer Louis M. Smith
George M. Loer	Frances Jones Marvel J. Loer
Ernest Loer	William O. Loer Gladys Hurshburger
Louise Nedrow	Ruth Loer Ray Evans
Bernice B. Loer	Leota M. Ewing Maurice B. Hull Howard R. Ewing Vivian L. Hertter R. Dean Ewing
W. H. Ewing	Anna Juanda Mary Isola Ewing Charles Senn
Leota M. Loer	Kenneth M. Jones Ruby Bernice Jones
William S. Jones	Alphonse J. Barrett Corinne Jones Richard B. Johnson Marvin B. Jones
	Virginia M. Bronson Mildred A. Heinzman

121348 - cont.
Rebecca Marvel
Martin Loer

<u>Jesse Loer</u>	<u>Lorin L. Loer</u> <u>Alice Weaver</u> <u>Carl Loer</u> <u>Estella Stanley</u> <u>Pauline Loer</u> <u>Louis Craig</u> <u>Verna Loer</u>
<u>Georgetta DuMont</u>	<u>Albert Johnson</u> <u>William Belknap</u> <u>Kenneth Loer</u> <u>Elsie Kelley</u> <u>Dorothy Loer</u>

121349
Mary Ann Marvel
William Gambrel

<u>Thompson Gambrel</u>	<u>Charles Lanterman</u> <u>Phoebe Denton</u> <u>Harriet B. Lanterman</u> <u>John P. Lanterman</u> <u>Lee C. Cox</u> <u>J. Potter Whittren</u> <u>James H. Gambrel</u> <u>William P. Gambrel</u> <u>Harry H. Gambrel</u> <u>Laura Sweeney</u> <u>Leilah E. Huff</u> <u>Mary G. Horn</u> <u>Frank H. Kinsell</u> <u>William Horn</u> <u>Nancy E. Gambrel</u> <u>Willis O. Horn</u> <u>Riley Girthoffer</u> <u>Ray H. Horn</u> <u>Lydia Wise</u> <u>ZellaMassee Oberg</u> <u>Paul Horn</u> <u>Charles D. Gambrel</u> <u>Clella L. Lucas</u> <u>George K. Gambrel</u> <u>Mary E. Eskew</u> <u>Donald A. Gambrel</u> <u>Ida Dick</u> <u>Alice Drisko</u> <u>Charles Gambrel</u> <u>Maria Gambrel</u> <u>Lavina Gambrel</u> <u>I. J. Atchison</u> <u>Ethel Atchison</u> <u>John T. Hammitt</u> <u>Adda Gambrel</u> <u>George Trigg</u> <u>Eva Trigg</u> <u>Ray Matthews</u> <u>Charles C. Trigg</u> <u>Lola F. Bickel</u> <u>William G. Trigg</u> <u>Bess Fleming</u> <u>Eva Gambrel</u> <u>Charles W. Marvel</u> <u>Ralph L. Marvel</u> <u>Lela Mcnee</u>
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121349 - cont.
Mary Ann Marvel
William Gambrel

T. Franklin Gambrel
Emma Bloye

George W. Gambrel
Marguerite Batson
Georgia Elam
Frank B. Gambrel
Alice Provines

Laura E. Gambrel

John Longworth

Earl A. Longworth
Katherine McCullough
Ethel L. Longworth
Fern Longworth
Archie Naffziger
Lois L. Longworth
Ray A. Bowers
John W. Longworth
Margaret M. Conroy

W. Calvin Gambrel

Edna Hass

Lois B. Hartry

Lois J. Gambrel

Anna Belle Gambrel

J. Harvey Thompson

Guy G. Thompson
Wilmoth Evelyn Eaton
Hobart H. Thompson
Elizabeth H. Hubbard
Roland R. Thompson
Mary Ellen Murphey
William W. Thompson
Marjorie K. Thompson
Samuel E. Crow

Minnie Gambrel

John T. Hammitt

See next page

Rebecca E. Marvel

Carrie B. Marvel

Ida Travis
John M. Hanson
George Lester Travis
Inez Beers
Hattie May Travis
Leon G. Beers
Fern Travis
Erwin O. Carlson

12134-10
Wiley Marvel

12134-11
George Marvel
Louisa Houchin

Mary Jane Marvel

Herbert M. Travis

John W. Grigsby

Stella M. Marvel

Della F. Marvel

Hattie C. Marvel

Fred Nielsen

Ida Faye T. Nielsen
Fred Brinkman

Wm Prettyman Marvel
"Minnie" Sundermeier

Beth Irene Marvel
Murel S. Nelson
William C. Meahan
Gladys L. Marvel
Gordon W. Anderson
Agnes Marie Marvel
Elmer J. O'Neill
Charles E. Marvel
Valerie I. Pritekel

12134-10

Wiley Marvel

Elizabeth Williams

<u>Ida M. Marvel</u>	<u>John J. Starkey</u>
George A. Starkey	Helene Zachritz
	Nona Kemp
	<u>Litta M. Starkey</u>
	William Gilbert Hunt
<u>Adda O. Marvel</u>	<u>Harry C. Swam</u>
Nelson E. Swam	Viva Bartley
	Elsie Jackson
	<u>Verna E. Marvel</u>
	Alvin Anderson
	Robert D. Reilly
	<u>Mildred Marvel</u>
Elizabeth Reynolds	Vernon L. Burwell
	<u>Maurice O. Marvel</u>
	Vera Fulce
	<u>Margaret Ferne Marvel</u>
	Richard Railsback
<u>George B. Marvel</u>	<u>George B. Marvel, Jr.</u>
Phoebe Gramesley	Rosemary Phelps
<u>Luther M. Marvel</u>	<u>Pauline Marvel</u>
Minnie Trigg	Richard Webb
<u>Cora A. Marvel</u>	
David M. Black	
<u>William J. Marvel</u>	<u>Wiley R. Marvel</u>
F. Gertrude Bowman	Kathryne Ellis
	Freda Clow
	<u>William E. Marvel</u>
	Susie Irvine
	<u>Charlene E. Marvel</u>
	Lorin Leach
	Douglas Hunting
	<u>Leona F. Marvel</u>
	James Bicknell
	Wayne T. Marvel
<u>Charles W. Marvel</u>	
Ida E. Gambrel	Shirley Gordon
	Emma Jean Marvel
	<u>Charles W. Graham</u>
	Ada Marie Marvel
	Donald Kindred
	<u>Wanda L. Marvel</u>
	Donald Zurkamer
<u>Verna B. Marvel</u>	<u>Marvel E. Steven</u>
James Steven, Jr.	Gladys L. Steven
<u>Merrit Marvel</u>	

SEVENTH GENERATION

The children of the 5 sons and 5 daughters of Prettyman, Jr. and Rebecca (Barr) Marvel represent the 7th generation of this family. They were the great grandchildren of Prettyman and Lavina (Rogers) Marvel, 4th generation of this family history.

CHILDREN OF JOHN SHRADER AND JANE (ROBERTS) MARVEL

1213411 - Rebecca Marvel, first child of John S. and Jane (Roberts) Marvel, was born August 10, 1848 on the farm of her parents, three miles south of Waynesville, Illinois. She married Alexander Swan of Oban, Scotland, June 1, 1864. They settled one and one-half miles south of her birthplace on a farm of 240 acres, which is now owned by the only descendant of her family. After living on the farm for many years Alexander and Rebecca Swan retired and lived in Waynesville. They celebrated their 50th and 60th wedding anniversaries here. Alexander Swan died February 16, 1925, and Rebecca (Marvel) Swan died January 17, 1927. They were buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois. Rebecca Swan was an energetic person and after retiring from the farm she retained her interest in the soil by having a fine vegetable and flower garden. She was active in the Waynesville Methodist Episcopal Church, a charter member of the Waynesville Woman's Club and enjoyed social events. She was a great reader and was interested in current events.

Alexander and Rebecca (Marvel) Swan were the parents of 4 children: Annie L., John F., Archibald E., and Grace V. Swan.

1213412 - William Thomas Marvel, second child of John S. and Jane (Roberts) Marvel, was born November 29, 1850 in a log cabin on the homestead, which his father had entered from the government. On April 28, 1881 he married Eleanor Jane Jones, daughter of John and Permelia (Montgomery) Jones. The next year they returned to the Marvel homestead, as his mother and his step-father, Franklin Crawford, moved to Waynesville. In drilling a well for water, March 23, 1893, they found a natural gas supply, which was used for heating, lighting and power. In 1910 he purchased a large home in Waynesville and retired from the farm. Eleanor (Jones) Marvel died August 2, 1922 at the Mennonite Hospital in Bloomington, Illinois. She was born in Barnett Township, DeWitt County, Illinois, March 23, 1860. William Thomas Marvel died January 8, 1928, in Waynesville. They were buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

William Thomas and Eleanor (Jones) Marvel were the parents of 4 children: John Everett, Eva May, Ethel Fern and Opal Irene Marvel.

1213413 - Elisha Roberts Marvel, third child of John S. and Jane (Roberts) Marvel was born November 7, 1853 and died May 14, 1859.

1213414 - Sarah Elizabeth Marvel, fourth child of John S. and Jane (Roberts) Marvel, was born August 17, 1857, at the family home near Waynesville, Illinois. She married James M. Barnett, son of Benjamin and Sarah Ann (Miller) Barnett on January 1, 1879. They farmed in Barnett Township, DeWitt County, Illinois, for many years and later Mr. Barnett was in the mercantile business in Hallsville. They sold their land in Illinois and moved to Dayton, Washington. They usually spent the winters in San Diego or Long Beach, California. Sarah E. (Marvel) Barnett died in Long Beach, California May 6, 1933. James M. Barnett died December 2, 1940 in Eugene, Oregon. He was born in DeWitt County, Illinois, June 22, 1858. They were buried in Rest Haven Cemetery, Eugene, Oregon.

James M. and Sarah E. (Marvel) Barnett had 2 children: Arthur Franklin Barnett and a daughter, who died in infancy in 1887.

CHILDREN OF JAMES AND MARIA (GAMBREL) MARVEL

1213421 - Thompson Marvel, oldest child of James and Maria (Gambrel) Marvel, was born near Waynesville, Illinois, October 1, 1848. When he was twenty years of age he went to Vermilion County, Illinois, to look after his father's land there. Here he broke the prairie sod and prepared the land for farming. On March 15, 1871 he was married to Margaret Jane French, daughter of George and Irene (Adames) French. They made their home in Vermilion County until 1882, when they moved to Hamilton County, Iowa. In 1884 they located in Hamilton County, Nebraska, where they acquired extensive land interests. They retired from the farm in 1915 and made their home in Giltner, Nebraska, where Thompson Marvel was connected with the bank and other financial institutions. Mr. and Mrs. Marvel attended the Barr Reunion in Waynesville, Illinois, in 1911 and the Marvel Reunion in Peoria in 1923, as well as Marvel Reunions in Nebraska. March 15, 1921, Thompson and Margaret Marvel celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary with a dinner given by their children. In the evening a reception was held at the Giltner Christian Church for three hundred friends and relatives. They celebrated their sixtieth anniversary in 1931. Margaret (French) Marvel died July 8, 1933. She was born in Vermilion County, Illinois, October 13, 1851. Thompson Marvel died July 20, 1935 at Giltner, Nebraska. They were buried in Phillips, Nebraska.

Thompson and Margaret (French) Marvel were the parents of 9 children: James A., George Henry, Lillie (died in infancy), Stella (died in infancy), Perry Otto, Irene M., Maggie E. and twins - Della and Delmar Marvel. The last named died in infancy.

1213422 - Nancy Jane Marvel, second child of James and Maria (Gambrel) Marvel, was born near Waynesville, Illinois, April 10, 1850. On January 18, 1874 she married William Shipley, son of James and Jane (Branson) Shipley, pioneer settlers of DeWitt County, Illinois. They lived on their farm in Barnett Township, about three miles southeast of Waynesville. William Shipley purchased land in the Willamette Valley, Yamhill County, Oregon, and made plans to move to the west. When his health failed, they retired to Waynesville, where he died on April 6, 1916. He was born March 14, 1846 in DeWitt County, Illinois, and was a Civil War veteran. In the fall of 1916 Mary Jane Shipley went to Sheridan, Oregon, where all of her children, except Wilhelm Douglas, had moved. March 11, 1923 she married George W. Marvel. He was the son of Wiley and Charity (Clark) Marvel - see #12136. Nancy Jane and George W. Marvel attended the Marvel Reunion at Peoria, Illinois, in 1923 and visited relatives and friends. Nancy Jane (Marvel) Marvel died at The Dalles, Oregon, December 13, 1936 and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois, as was William Shipley.

William and Nancy Jane (Marvel) Shipley were the parents of 5 children: Amy Ellen, James M., George Thomas, Wilhelm Douglas and Edwin Francis Shipley.

1213423 - William Prettyman Marvel, third child of James and Maria (Gambrel) Marvel, was born near Waynesville, Illinois, November 25, 1851. He married Sarah Catherine Darnell of Marea, Illinois on November 6, 1873. They made their home in Vermilion County, Illinois on land his father had purchased in 1868. Later he went into the mercantile business in Penfield, Illinois. In the fall of 1878 they moved to Cowley County, Kansas, in the area where Mrs. Marvel's parents had migrated from Indiana some years earlier. About 1880 they lived in Arkansas City, Kansas, and ran a ferry across the Arkansas River. Since his brothers Thompson, James Wiley and Stephen Douglas, also his sister, Rebecca, had settled in Hamilton County, Nebraska, the William Prettyman Marvel family joined them in 1890. In the spring of 1915 they retired from the farm and moved to Aurora, Nebraska. Sarah C. (Darnell) Marvel died April 11, 1923 after being struck by a taxi cab, as she and her husband were walking home from evening church services. William Prettyman Marvel attended the Barr Reunion in 1911 and made several visits to Illinois to attend Marvel Reunions during the 1920's. He made his home with his daughter, Minnie Garrett, in

Aurora. When the Garretts made their permanent home in Long Beach, California, he moved with them. Although his eyesight was failing, he continued to travel from California to visit in Nebraska and Illinois. William Prettyman Marvel, commonly known as "Pert", died in Long Beach, California, July 25, 1943. He was buried in Aurora, Nebraska, as was his wife.

William Prettyman and Sarah C. (Darnell) Marvel were the parents of 10 children: Minnie B., John W., Edward M., Thompson (died in infancy), unnamed son, Annie (died in infancy), Alva O. (died in infancy), Alonzo D., Vermil E. and Guy F. Marvel.

1213424 - Henry, fourth child of James and Maria (Gambrel) Marvel, was born January 22, 1855 near Waynesville, Illinois and died March 6, 1856.

1213425 - Rebecca Elizabeth Marvel, fifth child of James and Maria (Gambrel) Marvel, was born January 14, 1857, near Waynesville, Illinois. She married Matthias Wagner on January 28, 1877, in DeWitt County, Illinois. He was the partner of William Prettyman Marvel in the mercantile business in Penfield, Illinois. The town of Penfield in Vermilion County, Illinois, was founded about 1875 and no longer exists. After their marriage Matthias Wagner sold his interest in the mercantile business to his partner and the Wagners made their home on the land given to Rebecca by her father. In the fall of 1882 they sold this farm in Vermilion County, Illinois, and moved to Hamilton County, Nebraska. Matthias Wagner was a successful farmer, acquiring land which is still owned and farmed by their descendants. Rebecca E. (Marvel) Wagner died April 15, 1893, at the family home near Giltner, Nebraska. Later Matthias Wagner married Sarah Sharpe. Mr. Wagner, with sons, Charles and James, visited Illinois in 1911 and attended the Barr Reunion. Matthias Wagner died April 29, 1913. He was born June 4, 1852. Matthias and Rebecca E. (Marvel) Wagner were buried in the Lorton Cemetery, near Giltner, Nebraska, as was Sarah (Sharpe) Marvel, who died February 19, 1965.

Matthias and Rebecca E. (Marvel) Wagner were the parents of 5 children: Charles W., John Rufus, James M., Carl and Wallace Wagner.

1213426 - James Wiley Marvel, sixth child of James and Maria (Gambrel) Marvel was born near Waynesville, Illinois, December 23, 1858. He was a small lad when his father had an accident and became an invalid. He assumed his share of the responsibility of farming and was well trained by his older brothers. As a young man he went to Vermilion County to farm the land he had inherited from his father. He made his home with his oldest brother, Thompson Marvel and family. In 1882 he accompanied them to Hamilton County, Iowa. By the spring of 1883 his mother, Maria, and his younger

brothers, had sold their land in DeWitt County, Illinois, and moved to Hamilton County, Nebraska. He made his home with them for the next year. He married Melissa French March 3, 1885, in Council Bluffs, Iowa. She was a sister to Margaret Jane, wife of Thompson Marvel. James Wiley Marvel was a prosperous farmer, living on his own farm near Giltner. Melissa (French) Marvel died in Giltner, Nebraska, July 4, 1933. She was born in Vermilion County, near Penfield, Illinois, August 9, 1864. James Wiley Marvel died in Giltner, Nebraska, May 3, 1934. They were buried in Aurora, Nebraska.

James Wiley and Melissa (French) Marvel were the parents of 3 children: I. G. Ethel, Dora Marie and James Algy Marvel.

1213427 - Mary Ann Marvel, seventh child of James and Maria (Gambrel) Marvel, was born near Waynesville, Illinois, September 16, 1859 and died at the same place March 10, 1867.

1213428 - Stephen Douglas Marvel, eighth child of James and Maria (Gambrel) Marvel, was born near Waynesville, Illinois, October 12, 1860. He moved to Hamilton County, Nebraska, in the fall of 1882, and purchased land near Giltner, Nebraska. On July 22, 1886, he married Elizabeth Kirkpatrick, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Sharpe) Kirkpatrick. About 1905 S. Douglas Marvel sold his Hamilton County, Nebraska, farm to his brother, John S. Marvel, and bought a large ranch near Loveland, Colorado. His first marriage was ended by divorce and on October 26, 1916, S. Douglas Marvel married Sarah (Sharpe) Wagner, widow of Matthias Wagner. This second marriage was dissolved and Sarah (Sharpe) Marvel returned to Giltner, Nebraska. S. Douglas Marvel made his home on the ranch and usually spent the winters in California. He visited his brother, James Wiley, in Giltner during the summer of 1933. S. Douglas Marvel died in Denver, Colorado, July 12, 1945. Elizabeth (Kirkpatrick) Marvel made her home in Wyoming until about 1953. She lived with her daughters in Redlands, California, where she died January 24, 1956. S. Douglas and Elizabeth (Kirkpatrick) Marvel were buried in Loveland, Colorado.

Stephen Douglas and Elizabeth (Kirkpatrick) Marvel were the parents of 7 children: Stephana Dorothea, Adeline Jemima, Lela Fay, John Kirkpatrick, James Lynn, Emma Fauvette and Sherman Edward Marvel.

1213429 - John S. Marvel, ninth child of James and Maria (Gambrel) Marvel was born near Waynesville, Illinois, July 10, 1862. He was fourteen years of age when his father died. He remained at the

family home until 1882, when he accompanied his brother-in-law, Matthias Wagner and family, to Hamilton County, Nebraska. The following year his mother, Maria Marvel, sold the home farm near Waynesville, Illinois, and joined her sons in Nebraska. They purchased the Spanogle ranch near Giltner. February 19, 1891, John S. Marvel married Mary E. Bedell of Maxwell, Iowa. She had been teaching school in the neighborhood where the Marvels lived. John S. Marvel became an extensive land owner and was interested in several banks. Like other members of the Marvel family they enjoyed the mild California climate. After John S. Marvel retired from the banking business, he invested in real estate in the Los Angeles area. In later years he spent much of his time managing this property. John S. Marvel attended the Barr Reunion in Illinois in 1911 and the Marvel Reunion in Peoria, Illinois in 1923. Mr. and Mrs. John S. Marvel celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary February 19, 1941 with a reception at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Lela Joynt and Mr. Joynt, in Inglewood, California. December 6, 1941, brought changes in families throughout the world, and the Marvel family was no exception. World War II was declared and soon many members of the Marvel family were in all branches of the service.

On the night of December 9, 1941, John S. Marvel was crossing a busy street between their house and the Joynt residence and was struck by a car. This was during a "black out" soon after Pearl Harbor. John S. Marvel died at the hospital in Los Angeles, California a few hours after the accident. After her husband's death Mrs. Marvel made her home with her daughter, Lela and family. Mary (Bedell) Marvel died July 2, 1942. Mr. and Mrs. John S. Marvel were buried in the Marvel plot in the Hastings, Nebraska cemetery.

John S. and Mary (Bedell) Marvel were the parents of 9 children: Archie D., Iva F., Amy I., Orrie B., John Benjamin, Claude E., twins - Laurence R. and Laurene A. and Lela P. Marvel.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND NANCY (MARVEL) TEAL

1213431 - John Thomas Teal, oldest child of William and Nancy (Marvel) Teal, was born near Waynesville, Illinois, May 30, 1849. He attended the neighborhood school and then studied under Professor Turner of Waynesville. When he was twenty-one years of age he bought one hundred acres of land near Midland City, later using it as partial payment on one hundred sixty acres near Tabor, Illinois. In 1892 he began to buy grain at the Tabor elevator for the firm of Johnson and Armstrong. Although the firm changed ownership during the years he continued to conduct the business until 1903.

August 26, 1873, he married Fannie M. Garrett, daughter of John and Polly (Bell) Garrett. In 1905 he sold his land in Illinois and moved his family to Webster City, Iowa. He purchased a farm in that area and in 1909 built a new home in Webster City. John Thomas Teal died there August 27, 1926 and was buried in Webster City, Iowa. Fannie (Garrett) Teal died in Webster City, Iowa August 11, 1944. She was born in Cynthiana, Harrison County, Kentucky, November 4, 1851. They were members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church but changed their membership to the First Baptist Church after moving to Webster City, Iowa.

John Thomas and Fannie (Garrett) Teal were the parents of 7 children: Daisy Bell, Asa A., Myra M., William P., Grace E. and Bertha E. Teal. 1 child died in infancy.

1213432 - Henry Martial Teal, second child of William and Nancy (Marvel) Teal, was born near Waynesville, Illinois on December 11, 1853. After finishing the district school he attended Lincoln College and became a teacher in DeWitt County. On November 2, 1876 he married Ida M. Robb, daughter of Eli H. and Clarissa (Lanterman) Robb. The Teals lived on their farm near Waynesville, until August 1887, when they moved to a fruit farm near Selma, Fresno County, California. They went to Lake Charles, Louisiana in December 1890. Mr. Teal made plans to go into the lumber business with Prettyman Barr, who had bought a large tract of timber land in the area. They were in their new home about a month when an accident took the life of Henry M. Teal. On January 21, 1891 he was drowned while attempting to cross a bridge spanning a bayou. He and the team he was driving lost their lives in the deep water. The family returned to Illinois, where Henry M. Teal was buried in Union Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois.

Ida Teal and the children lived in Midland City, Illinois, and then moved to Waynesville. She married William Brown on August 19, 1905. After the death of Mr. Brown she continued to live in Waynesville until her death, April 20, 1942. She was buried in Union Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois. She was born March 29, 1858.

Henry M. and Ida (Robb) Teal were the parents of 6 children: Mantie Maude, Lillian M., Chester M., Joseph M., Florence M. and Nellie M. Teal.

1213433 - Wiley M. Teal, third and youngest child of William and Nancy (Marvel) Teal was born January 23, 1859 near Waynesville, Illinois. On March 12, 1879 he was married to Clara M. Wilson, daughter of William K. and Susan (Kenton) Wilson. This marriage was terminated by divorce and on September 28, 1910, Wiley Teal married Elizabeth Holt. She was the daughter of John and Martha (Wilson) Holt and was born in Doe Hill, Highland County, Virginia,

December 2, 1875.

Wiley M. Teal spent his entire lifetime on the farm, which his parents had purchased in 1854. While his son, Ray H. Teal, attended University of Illinois, he spent the winter months in Champaign. He attended many University events and was often an honored guest on Dad's Day. Wiley M. Teal died in the hospital in Urbana, Illinois, January 30, 1936. Elizabeth (Holt) Teal died March 29, 1937, in Clinton, Illinois. Both were buried in Union Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois.

Wiley M. and Clara (Wilson) Teal were the parents of 2 children: Lester M. and Dora M. Teal. The last named died in infancy. Wiley M. and Elizabeth (Holt) Teal had 1 son: Ray Holt Teal.

CHILDREN OF IRA F. and CYNTHIA (MARVEL) ARMSTRONG

1213451 - William H. Armstrong, first child of Ira F. and Cynthia (Marvel) Armstrong, was born in DeWitt County, Illinois, October 2, 1850 and died September 1, 1851.

1213452 - Rebecca J. Armstrong, second child of Ira F. and Cynthia (Marvel) Armstrong, was born December 15, 1851 and died September 30, 1852.

1213453 - Kirby Armstrong, third child of Ira F. and Cynthia (Marvel) Armstrong, was born November 23, 1853 and died February 14, 1857.

1213454 - Miranda Armstrong, fourth child of Ira F. and Cynthia (Marvel) Armstrong, was born in DeWitt County, Illinois, July 3, 1856. Due to her mother's ill health, she assumed many household responsibilities at an early age. Miranda was only twelve years of age when her mother died. On March 11, 1879, Miranda Armstrong married George Francis. They moved to Pocahontas County, Iowa, and bought a farm near Palmer. When they retired they purchased a home in Palmer, where George Francis died October 18, 1918. He was born May 2, 1852, in DeWitt County, Illinois. Miranda Francis remained at the home in Palmer, and often visited relatives and friends in Illinois. She attended several Marvel Reunions in Illinois. Miranda Francis died April 17, 1929 in Palmer, Iowa, and was buried there, as was George Francis.

George and Miranda (Armstrong) Francis were the parents of 4 children: Carrie M., William S., Harry E. and Charley R. Francis.

1213455 - Nancy E. Armstrong, fifth child of Ira F. and Cynthia (Marvel) Armstrong, was born in DeWitt County, Illinois, February 4, 1862, and died in Clinton, Illinois, October 6, 1882.

1213456 - Susan Armstrong, sixth child of Ira F. and Cynthia (Marvel) Armstrong, was born in DeWitt County, Illinois, July 21, 1864. She was only four years of age when her mother died. Later her father married Mrs. Annie M. Gambrel, the widow of Thompson Gambrel. To avoid confusion it should be stated that her deceased husband was the son of Henry Gambrel, Sr. of Indiana. Thompson P. Gambrel, step-father of Cynthia (Marvel) Armstrong, was the son of William and Winifred (Elkins) Gambrel, also of Indiana. On March 29, 1893, Susan Armstrong married Jacob Snook. They made their home in Chicago, Illinois, but often visited in DeWitt and Logan Counties. In May 1951, after her husband's death, Susan A. Snook went to live at the Eastern Star home in Rockford, Illinois. She died there August 7, 1954. Cremation. Burial in Greenwood Cemetery, Rockford, Illinois.

Jacob and Susan (Armstrong) Snook had no children.

1213457 - Winnie A. Armstrong, seventh child of Ira F. and Cynthia (Marvel) Armstrong, was born in DeWitt County, Illinois, October 18, 1867. She grew to womanhood in Clinton, Illinois. Her father retired from farming and worked as a carpenter in this county-seat town. On December 20, 1888 she married Andrew J. Kemp, a prosperous farmer near Kenney, Illinois. The Kemps were hospitable people and enjoyed entertaining friends and relatives. She always looked forward to visits of her sisters, Miranda Francis and Susan Snook. They would accompany the Kemps to Marvel Reunions. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Kemp spent their entire married life on the family farm. Winnie (Armstrong) Kemp died July 12, 1933, and was buried at Baptist Cemetery, two miles east of Kenney, as was Andrew J. Kemp, who died January 15, 1949.

Andrew J. and Winnie (Armstrong) Kemp were the parents of 1 son: Ira Anderson Kemp.

3 unnamed children of Ira F. and Cynthia (Marvel) Armstrong died in infancy.

CHILDREN OF JOHN and LAVINA (MARVEL) ARMSTRONG

1213461 - Mary Jane Armstrong, first child of John and Lavina (Marvel) Armstrong, was born August 20, 1850, in Logan County, Illinois, and died September 29, 1851.

1213462 - Henry Thompson Armstrong, second child of John and Lavina (Marvel) Armstrong, was born February 19, 1852, near Atlanta, Illinois, in the area of Salt Creek. He was educated in the neighborhood schools and became a teacher in Vermilion County, where his parents moved about 1870. When he was not in the classroom Henry Armstrong was busy helping his grandfather, Kirby Armstrong, with the farm work. John Armstrong died soon after the family moved to Vermilion County.

Henry T. Armstrong married Flora S. Hornbeck in 1879. She was the daughter of William and Mary Ann (Courtney) Hornbeck. After their marriage, they moved to Waynesville, Illinois, where he engaged in the mercantile business. About 1884 he returned to teaching and studied electrical engineering. They moved to Peoria, Illinois and Henry Armstrong began his career in engineering. Henry T. Armstrong died in Peoria, Illinois, August 11, 1927. Flora (Hornbeck) Armstrong died December 6, 1928.

Henry T. and Flora (Hornbeck) Armstrong were the parents of 3 children: Edith Ray, Mabel May and Percival Draper Armstrong.

1213463 - Miranda Caroline Armstrong, third child of John and Lavina (Marvel) Armstrong, was born near Shelbyville, Shelby County, Illinois, on March 8, 1854. She was a small child when her parents moved to Logan County, Illinois. In 1866 her parents moved to McLean County, near Farmer City. She finished her education in Vermilion County and became a school teacher. She followed her profession in Vermilion, Ford, Logan and DeWitt Counties. She was primary teacher in the Waynesville Public School. On November 25, 1891, she married Franklin Crawford. He was born in Rockingham County, Virginia, August 5, 1838, and came to Illinois just before the Civil War. Franklin Crawford enlisted July 26, 1861, and served throughout the war. His first wife was Jane (Roberts) Marvel, widow of John S. Marvel. Franklin and Miranda Crawford made their home in Waynesville. Since their two sons died in infancy, the children of their many relatives were most welcome guests in the Crawford home. Both of them were interested in current events and civic activities. Miranda Crawford was a charter member of the Waynesville Woman's Club and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was a member of the Waynesville Christian Church, having united with that body in the early days of its organization.

Franklin Crawford died May 25, 1915, and Miranda Crawford died October 27, 1916.

Franklin and Miranda (Armstrong) Crawford were the parents of 2 sons: George C. and Clyde A. Crawford. Both children died in infancy. The members of this family were buried in Union Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois.

1213464 - William Francis Armstrong, fourth child of John and Lavina (Marvel) Armstrong, was born in Logan County, near Beason, Illinois, June 5, 1856. He grew to manhood on the family farm in Vermilion County, Illinois. March 4, 1884 he married Mary J. Loer, daughter of Martin and Rebecca (Marvel) Loer. This was a marriage of first cousins. Soon after their marriage William and Mary Armstrong moved to Hamilton County, Nebraska, where many of their relatives had migrated. They farmed until March 1892, when they moved to Grand Island, Nebraska. Two years later they returned to Illinois and made their home in Peoria. William F. Armstrong worked for the Street Railway Company at the time open street cars were used during the summer months. In 1905 when the Union of Street Railways Employees was organized, he was elected their first president. He had a jovial, friendly disposition, and was familiarly known in Peoria as "Dad" Armstrong. During the last years of Rebecca Loer's life she was tenderly cared for by the Armstrongs. Mary Armstrong had a kindly interest in the comfort and welfare of others. William Armstrong died in Peoria, Illinois, March 21, 1924. Mary Armstrong continued to live in their home near Glen Oak Park. This park was the favorite location for Marvel Reunions. Mary (Loer) Armstrong died March 25, 1941, and was buried in Union Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois, as was William F. Armstrong.

William F. and Mary (Loer) Armstrong had 1 son: John D. Armstrong.

1213465 - George Dallas Armstrong, fifth child of John and Lavina (Marvel) Armstrong, was born near Beason, Illinois, on September 30, 1858. With his brothers, he operated the family farm in Vermilion County until 1884, when his mother moved to Waynesville. In 1889 he proved a claim of one hundred sixty acres near Wray, Colorado. When he returned to Waynesville, he made his home with his mother until her death in 1893. George D. Armstrong had pleasant manner, was well informed on the news of the day and had many friends. He died in Peoria, Illinois, February 20, 1904, and was buried in Union Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois. He was unmarried.

1213466 - Kirby Armstrong, sixth child of John and Lavina (Marvel) Armstrong, was born in Logan County, Illinois, January 11, 1860. With his parents he moved to Vermilion County about 1870. In 1878 he came to Waynesville, to live with his grandmother, Rebecca (Barr) Gambrel. She was the widow of Prettyman Marvel, Jr. and Thompson P. Gambrel. For two years he attended the Waynesville School under the tutelage of William Booth and William P. Gambrel. He farmed near Waynesville and made his home with his mother after she moved to that village. In 1893 he bought his grandmother's home, as she made her home with her youngest daughter, Mary Ann Gambrel, and family. Kirby Armstrong spent five years in Peoria, but he did not like city life. He made his home with his sister, Ella Yeakel. In later years he spent the winters in St. Petersburg, Florida. Kirby Armstrong died in Waynesville, Illinois, March 14, 1930, and was buried in Union Cemetery.

1213467 - Rebecca Armstrong, seventh child of John and Lavina (Marvel) Armstrong, was born January 24, 1863, and died April 10, 1864.

1213468 - Cynthia Armstrong, eighth child of John and Lavina (Marvel) Armstrong, was born February 3, 1865, and died March 17, 1865. She was buried in Union Cemetery, as was her sister Rebecca.

1213469 - Johnnie Armstrong, ninth child of John and Lavina (Marvel) Armstrong, was born December 28, 1866. On June 9, 1870 he died of scarlet fever. He was buried in Farmer City, Illinois.

121346-10 - Ella A. Armstrong, tenth and youngest child of John and Lavina (Marvel) Armstrong, was born in McLean County, near Farmer City, Illinois, on March 7, 1870. Her parents moved to Vermilion County when she was a baby. In 1884 she came with her mother and family to Waynesville, Illinois. She received her education in the neighborhood schools and graduated from the Waynesville Academy in 1887. She went to Hamilton County, Nebraska, to visit the William Armstrong family and taught school in the area. After her return to Illinois she taught in the DeWitt County schools. On October 17, 1889, she was united in marriage to Douglas A. Yeakel, son of Levi and Rebecca A. (Whistler) Yeakel. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Horace Reed at the Methodist parsonage in Clinton, Illinois. Douglas Yeakel was in the brick manufacturing business and later farmed near Waynesville. They were members of the Waynesville Methodist Church. Ella Yeakel was active in civic events and served on several committees during World War I.

Ella Yeakel was interested in genealogy and spent much time and energy collecting the information for the Marvel History, which was published in the 1920's. Through her efforts many family records were preserved and we are able to appreciate the fine heritage handed down to us. In later years this Marvel History was considered an authentic record and many people were able to obtain birth certificates, since no state and county records were kept in earlier days. She would be surprised and pleased to know the interest in Marvel history is being preserved.

Douglas A. and Ella Yeakel celebrated their golden wedding anniversary October 17, 1939. Douglas A. Yeakel died June 13, 1941. He was born December 14, 1859, in McLean County, Illinois. His parents were natives of Rockingham County, Virginia and had settled in Illinois in 1854. Ella A. Yeakel died in Waynesville, January 17, 1956. They were buried in Union Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois.

Douglas A. and Ella (Armstrong) Yeakel were the parents of 2 children: Earl Douglas (died at birth) and Kirby Armstrong Yeakel.

On a cold night in February 1826, Prettyman, Jr. and Rebecca (Barr) Marvel, with their sons, John S. and James, arrived at their new home in DeWitt County, Illinois. When Prettyman Marvel, Jr. entered his land at the government land office in Danville, Illinois, it is recorded as the east $\frac{1}{2}$ of the northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 31, in Waynesville Township. Soon John and Comfort (Marvel) Barr and baby daughter, Nancy, joined the Marvels. The 2 families spent the winter in the small log cabin Prettyman, Jr. had built. Their nearest neighbors were ten miles distant across the prairie on Salt Creek. The prairie, dotted with bright-hued flowers, is said to have presented a lovely view in the springtime. However, in that early day, it was esteemed of little value, except for grazing purposes, and it was thought would never be settled. (How surprised our ancestors would be to see the crops now raised on this so-called "worthless land"). The prairie grass grew so rank, that by summer, a man riding on horseback after a rain or heavy dew, would be literally drenched. There were many paths or trails leading in diverse directions, made by deer or other game and by Indian hunting parties, which had from time immemorial roamed the Illinois prairies. The wigwams of the Kickapoos dotted the valley of the creek which took its name from that tribe. Within a few years the Indians were moved to reservations west of the Mississippi River.

These trees were the first sighted by the settlers from Salt Creek, as they crossed the prairie at the time of the "deep snow" in 1830. They said this grove guided them to food, warmth and shelter; from this fact came the name - Pilot Grove. About 1834 Prettyman Marvel, Jr. built a new home, south of the original settlement, but the former location was much frequented by the Marvel children. They went there to gather wild fruit in season, and situated as it was, partly on the Marvel holdings, this site, rather than "Big Grove" came to symbolize the Marvel home.

The establishment of the home of Prettyman, Jr. and Rebecca (Barr) Marvel is commemorated in the following poem:

TO PILOT GROVE

(By Ella Armstrong Yeakel.)

Thou art a remnant of that stately wood,
Which here one day in pristine beauty stood.
Upon this point and thence across the glen,
Thy virgin fastness was supreme. Not then
Had ruthless hands despoiled and ravished thee,
When nature ruled thou wast e'er fair to see.

Now of thy glory shorn, art thou as one
Whose sands run low with life's descending sun?
Like him do'st spend thy days recounting o'er
The fullness, joy and pride of days of yore?
Had we one tongue, could I interpret thee,
Strange tales, I doubt not, thou wouldest tell to me!

The tragedy of life as understood
By timid, harmless creatures of the wood,
Or by the savage beasts which night or day,
From ambush of thy shade sprang on their prey;
And how the red man skulking midst the trees,
Was Nemesis, oft on the trail of these!

In childhood, oft I heard the grandame's tale,
How they through snowy forests broke a trail,
She and her good man, with their ox and cart;
How they at dusk found refuge near thy heart,
Where camp of boughs to them was home, sweet home.
The lodestar of us all where e'er we roam!
Before their open door was made their hearth,
Where dancing flames leaped high from frozen earth;
And there, where naught the echoes had e'er stirred,
But voices of the wild, oft then were heard
The laughing tones of children on the air;
There too arose sweet hymns of praise and prayer.

Soon others came and settled near at hand,
Their aim, their task was to subdue the land.
They little knew of fertile prairie loam,
Along the forest's edge they sought a home,--
A hardy people, ne'er by aught dismayed,
By such the corner stone of state was laid!

'Twas then across the trackless prairie sea,
The traveler often steered his course by thee.
Thou wast a pilot and a guide by day,
At even fall a shelter by the way;
And thus it was thy sponsors these became,
According to thy deed they gave thee name!
Thou from this vantage ground hast watch long kept,
While progress' rising flood has onward swept.
Mayhap in course of time that swelling tide
Will in relentless flow sweep thee aside;
Yet shall thy name e'er be a treasure-trove
Of sweet and tender memories--Pilot Grove.

Note: This poem was read by Ethel Fern Marvel at the Barr Reunion held in Waynesville, Illinois, on Thursday, August 31, 1911. It was read by Mildred Marvel at the Marvel Reunion held in Waynesville, Sunday, August 22, 1926, the centennial of the settling of the Marvels and Barrs in DeWitt County, Illinois. It has been read at many Marvel Reunions and revered by all family members.

CHILDREN OF PRETTYMAN and PERMELIA (MALONE) MARVEL

1213471 - William Marvel, oldest child of Prettyman and Permelia (Malone) Marvel, was born near Waynesville, Illinois, September 18, 1854 and died March 6, 1856.

1213472 - James T. Marvel, second child of Prettyman and Permelia (Malone) Marvel, was born February 10, 1856 near Waynesville, Illinois. He grew to manhood on his parents' farm. In 1884 he and his brother, George Henry, went to Nebraska, and settled in Merrick County. He farmed with his father, after the Prettyman Marvel family moved to Nebraska. James and his brother, A. Jackson, made plans to go to South Dakota to homestead land on the Indian Reservation, which the government had opened to settlement. Due to Indian uprisings they delayed their departure until 1909. James T. Marvel drew a claim of one hundred sixty acres near Colome, Tripp County, South Dakota. After his brother returned to Nebraska, James T. Marvel sold this claim and bought another farm. An orphan boy came to live with him and help with the farm work. James T. Marvel

died in Tripp County, South Dakota, January 25, 1935, and was buried there. He was unmarried.

1213473 - Eliza Marvel, third child of Prettyman and Permelia (Malone) Marvel, was born near Waynesville, Illinois in 1858. She married George Gillett. They farmed in Illinois for several years and then moved to Canada, settling near Edmonton, Alberta Province. Nothing more is known of this family.

George and Eliza (Marvel) Gillett were the parents of 8 children: William, Martha, Ida, James, Ella, Juanita, and Lydia Gillett.

1213474 - Andrew Jackson Marvel, fourth child of Prettyman and Permelia (Malone) Marvel, was born December 27, 1861, near Waynesville, Illinois. As a small boy family members called him "Jack", and he was always known by this name. At an early age he left his parents' home and secured employment in Springfield, Illinois. He accompanied his family when they moved to Nebraska. After he and James made plans to homestead land in South Dakota, target practice became an established routine at the end of a day's work. Jack Marvel was a small person, five feet tall and of slight build. His father felt it was necessary for Jack to be able to handle a gun in order to defend himself on the frontier. The young men took lumber to build cabins, as well as necessary furnishings and farm equipment, when they moved to South Dakota. In 1909 Jack Marvel drew a claim of one hundred sixty acres in Tripp County, South Dakota. He sold his claim in 1915 and returned to Nebraska, where he made his home with his sister, Stella Mae Lawson and family. He died there, December 18, 1926, and was buried in the Sutherland, Nebraska Cemetery. He was unmarried.

1213475 - Sarah Elizabeth Marvel, fifth child of Prettyman and Permelia (Malone) Marvel, was born February 4, 1864, near Waynesville, Illinois. In Lincoln, Nebraska on November 28, 1883, she was married to Isaac Cade Morse, son of Capt. Isaac C. and Susan (Cheney) Morse. Isaac Cade Morse was born near Waynesville, Illinois, July 7, 1862. They made their first home on a farm in Hamilton County, Nebraska. Mr. Morse studied medicine with a doctor in Aurora, Nebraska. In 1886 they moved to Chicago, Illinois, where he studied at Rush Medical College. After finishing medical school he did post graduate work in New York City. He practiced his profession in Atlanta, Illinois, until his death September 27, 1897.

After her husband's death, S. Elizabeth Morse attended the College of Osteopathy in Kirksville, Missouri. She established a lucrative practice in Longmont, Colorado. In 1909 she moved to

Los Angeles, California, hoping the warm climate would benefit their daughter's health.

On March 10, 1925 S. Elizabeth Morse married Samuel P. Robb. He was the youngest son of Eli H. and Clarissa (Lanterman) Robb and was born near Waynesville, Illinois March 3, 1860. He and Elizabeth were childhood friends, having lived on adjoining farms in Illinois. Samuel and Elizabeth Robb made their home in Santa Anna, California. Sarah Elizabeth (Marvel) Robb died and was buried in Rosedale Cemetery, Los Angeles, California.

Dr. Isaac C. and Sarah Elizabeth (Marvel) Morse had 1 child: Nellie Morse.

1213476 - George Henry Marvel, sixth child of Prettyman and Permelia (Malone) Marvel, was born near Waynesville, Illinois, January 6, 1866. In 1884 he and his brother, James, migrated to Nebraska. They farmed in Merrick and Nance Counties. He was married January 14, 1892, to Rhoda Jane Johnson, daughter of Finely and Louisa (Candel) Johnson. They made their home on her parent's farm. Later they moved to Fullerton, Nebraska, where he became a plumber. G. Henry Marvel died in Fullerton, Nebraska, on January 3, 1923. Later Rhoda Marvel disposed of her property and went to Chicago to live with their son, Forest E. Marvel. Dissatisfied with living in the large city, she returned to Fullerton. She died there. G. Henry and Rhoda Marvel were buried in Fullerton, Nebraska.

George Henry and Rhoda (Johnson) Marvel had 1 son: Forest Elmer Marvel.

1213477 - Edward E. Marvel, seventh child of Prettyman and Permelia (Malone) Marvel, was born near Waynesville, Illinois, April 19, 1877. He went to Nebraska with his parents in 1890. He was not interested in farming. He worked for the Missouri Pacific Railroad in Omaha, Nebraska. He owned a large building there which was used for automobile storage. When he retired he made his home with his sister, Stella Mae Lawson, near Sutherland, Nebraska. Later he went to Oklahoma and Texas, where he died. Death date unknown.

1213478 - Stella Mae Marvel, eighth child of Prettyman and Permelia (Malone) Marvel, was born October 20, 1879, at the farm home southeast of Waynesville, Illinois. She grew to womanhood in Nebraska. She was married February 28, 1900, in St. Paul, Nebraska, to David Lewis Lawson, son of Albert B. and Mary E. (Fleener) Lawson. They made their home near Palmer, Nebraska.

About 1910 much interest was shown in Canadian wheat land. Stella Lawson had received letters from her sister, Eliza Gillett, telling of the abundance of land and the large wheat crops they raised. In the summer of 1910 the Lawson family shipped their furniture, farming equipment and livestock to Bickleton, Washington, where Lewis Lawson's parents were living. After spending a few months in Washington, they settled in the Rosebud River Valley near Carstairs, Alberta Province, Canada. The Canadian government furnished seed to promote wheat production. For three years the wheat crop was a failure. The Lawsons were disappointed with their new home and returned to Nebraska, settling near Sutherland, where he bought some land and rented nearby farms. He served in several capacities with the county farm programs. Lewis and Stella Mae Lawson celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary February 28, 1950. Mr. Lawson had been in the hospital in Grand Island and his health would not permit a gala celebration. However, they were able to go to St. Paul, Nebraska, where they had been married. David Lewis Lawson died near Sutherland, Nebraska, January 10, 1955 and was buried there. He was born April 16, 1879 in Winterset, Iowa.

Following the death of her husband, Stella Mae Lawson made her home with her daughters, Grace McCormick, near Paxton, Nebraska, and Mae Wilson in Grand Island, Nebraska. In 1964 she entered Lakeview Nursing Home in Grand Island, but has now returned to the home of her daughter, Mae Wilson. At the time of this writing - 1969 - she is one of the three living grandchildren of Prettyman, Jr. and Rebecca (Barr) Marvel.

David Lewis and Stella Mae (Marvel) Lawson were the parents of 4 children: John Leonard, Walter Leland, Estella Mae and Olive Grace Lawson.

1213479 - Olive Grace Marvel, ninth child of Prettyman and Permelia (Malone) Marvel, was born near Waynesville, Illinois, December 14, 1883. She was a small child when her parents moved to Nebraska. She graduated from the Sioux Falls Hospital School of Nursing, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. August 31, 1904 she married Dr. J. J. Heldring at Aberdeen, South Dakota. He was a stock inspector for the US Government in North and South Dakota. Later they moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota. In 1906 Dr. Heldring was sent on an overseas assignment. Olive Grace Heldring and their son were in San Francisco, California, awaiting passage to join him on this assignment. This was at the time of the April 6, 1906, earthquake in San Francisco. Nothing further is known of this family and it is presumed she and their son were victims of the earthquake.

Dr. J. J. and Olive Grace (Marvel) Heldring had 1 child: Carl Lewis Heldring.

Prettyman and Permelia (Malone) Marvel had 3 children who died in infancy.

CHILDREN OF MARTIN and REBECCA (MARVEL) LOER

1213481 - Thomas Edward Loer, oldest child of Martin and Rebecca (Marvel) Loer, was born in Logan County, Illinois, on November 21, 1856. In 1878 he went to Texas to seek his fortune. While still a young man, he was kicked by a mule and crippled for life, but his misfortune did not deter his determination to work until he owned about twelve hundred acres of cotton and ranch lands in central Texas. It was not until 1923 that he returned to Illinois to see his brothers and sisters. He attended the Marvel Reunion held at South Park, Peoria, Illinois, August 26, 1923.

August 8, 1886 he married Annie Arcelia Mitchell in McLennan County, Texas. With the exception of a few years spent in Oklahoma Territory, they made their home in Texas. Annie (Mitchell) Loer died February 5, 1904. In later years Thomas E. Loer made his home with his son, George Mitchell Loer, at Gatesville, Texas. Thomas E. Loer died there July 15, 1937.

Thomas E. and Annie (Mitchell) Loer were the parents of 6 children: Rebecca Frances, Leota Marie, Martin Allen (died in infancy), Ester Lee, Katherine and George Mitchell Loer.

1213482 - Mary J. Loer, second child of Martin Rebecca (Marvel) Loer, was born in Logan County, Illinois January 8, 1859. On March 4, 1884 she married William F. Armstrong. Mary (Loer) Armstrong died March 25, 1941. (For full details on this family refer to William F. Armstrong #1213464)

William F. and Mary (Loer) Armstrong had 1 son: John D. Armstrong.

1213483 - William Patterson Loer, third child of Martin and Rebecca (Marvel) Loer, was born March 2, 1861 in Decatur, Illinois. When he grew to manhood he went to Peoria, Illinois to work. He married Alphine R. Hedrick there. Through the years their home was the meeting place of family and friends. William P. Loer died in Peoria, Illinois, August 20, 1930.

William P. and Alphine (Hedrick) Loer were the parents of 9 children: Carl E., Donald H., Bernice (died in infancy), Zulla, William P., Jr. (died in infancy), Doris A., George M. (Died in infancy), Albert S. (died in infancy) and Lulu Rae Loer.

1213484 - George Marvel Loer, fourth child of Martin and Rebecca (Marvel) Loer, was born March 11, 1862 in Decatur, Illinois. He was married December 16, 1896 to Frances Jones in Kansas City, Missouri, where they made their home. They were living in that city in 1925. No further information available on this family.

George M. and Frances (Jones) Loer had 1 son: Marvel Jones Loer.

1213485 - Earnest Loer, fifth child of Martin and Rebecca (Marvel) Loer, was born in Decatur, Illinois December 14, 1866. He grew to manhood in Waynesville, Illinois, where his mother had moved following the death of his father. On January 12, 1891 he married Louise Nedrow in Peoria, Illinois. He was an employee of the Street Railway Company for many years. Earnest Loer died March 20, 1921 at Peoria Heights, Illinois.

Earnest and Louise (Nedrow) Loer were the parents of 7 children: William Orson, Ruth, Martin, Edna, George E., Marvel and an unnamed infant. The last 5 children died in infancy.

1213486 - Bereneice Belle Loer, Sixth child of Martin and Rebecca (Marvel) Loer, was born February 25, 1869 at Taylorville, Illinois. She was a small child when her father died and her mother returned to Waynesville. Bereneice Loer graduated from the Waynesville Academy in 1887. She attended Peoria Business College and worked as a bookkeeper until her marriage to William Harrison Ewing on February 22, 1893.

They made their home in Peoria until 1902 when the Ewings and her sister, Leota and husband, William Jones, went to Oklahoma Territory to homestead. They traveled by train to the end of the route, then unloaded supplies and building materials from the freight cars, purchased wagons and horses, and set forth for Indian Territory. Each family selected a tract of one hundred sixty acres in the Panhandle area, built a cabin and dug a well. When their families were settled, the men went to Kansas and bought machinery to work in the wheat fields. They needed this money to support their families and the land. Alone on the desolate prairie, the women and their small children had many exciting experiences. Some of their neighbors were outlaws, who had fled into Indian Territory to escape law authorities. They respected the newcomers but

seemed to know when the women were baking bread. They always stopped to buy the tasty loaves. Indians visited their homes but did not molest them. In the ensuing years Ewing descendants have retained this land, as it represents the pioneer spirit of their parents.

They returned to Peoria and then moved to Marshalltown, Iowa, where Mr. Ewing was in the construction business. After moving to Wisconsin, the Ewings built a new home in Wauwatosa in 1926. W. H. Ewing directed the construction of the Children's Hospital in Milwaukee and many other buildings in the area. In later years he was an estimator and consultant in construction work. On February 22, 1943, Mr. and Mrs. Ewing celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. William H. Ewing died March 25, 1944. He was an alert, active person and interested in new methods and materials used in the construction business. He was a member of the Masonic Order and had been a reader in the Christian Science Church.

After the death of her husband, Bereneice Ewing made her home with her daughter, M. Isola Senn and family, in Los Angeles, California. Each summer she returned to Wisconsin to visit the other members of her family. Making the train trip alone was always an adventure for her. She was a wise, understanding woman, with a delightful sense of humor. She was well read and interested in world affairs. At the age of eighty she fell and broke her hip, but within seven months she was able to make her customary trip to Wisconsin alone. Bereneice Ewing died in Los Angeles, California November 21, 1952, and was buried beside her husband, in Highland Memorial Park, Waukesha County, Wisconsin.

William Harrison and Bereneice (Loer) Ewing were the parents of 4 children: Leota M., Howard R., R. Dean and M. Isola Ewing.

1213487 - Leota Mae Loer, seventh child of Martin and Rebecca (Marvel) Loer, was born May 5, 1872 at Taylorville, Illinois. Her early years were spent in Waynesville, Illinois. She graduated from the Waynesville Academy in 1888. Soon after this Rebecca Loer moved to Peoria to provide better working opportunities for her children and to join family members already in that city. Leota Mae Loer married William S. Jones on October 26, 1898. He was a printer for the Peoria Star.

for many years. Their large home on Thrush Avenue in Peoria was a popular meeting place for young people, since their children were quite active in sports and all forms of recreation. Mr. and Mrs. Jones also had a country home and fruit farm near the city.

William S. Jones died October 21, 1953. He was born in Arcola, Illinois, December 1, 1869. Leota Mae (Loer) Jones died August 28, 1950. They were buried in Peoria, Illinois.

William S. and Leota Mae (Loer) Jones were the parents of 4 children: Kenneth M., Berenice, Corinne and Marvin B. Jones.

1213488 - Jesse Loer, eighth child of Martin and Rebecca (Marvel) Loer, was born July 5, 1876, at Taylorville, Illinois. He was about two years of age when his father died and the family returned to Waynesville, to be near other relatives. He was a deaf mute and was educated at the School for the Deaf at Jacksonville, Illinois. He learned the trade of baker, which he followed all his life. On August 28, 1899, he married Georgetta Mae DuMont in Peoria, Illinois. She was born November 27, 1876, in Rose Clare, Harpin County, Illinois. Jesse Loer died in Peoria, Illinois about 1941, and was buried in Parkview Cemetery, Peopria, Illinois. He was well read, had a keen intellect and was a leader of the Deaf-Mute Circles in Peoria. Mrs. Loer makes her home with her daughter, Pauline, and lives in Novato, California.

Jesse and Georgetta (DuMont) Loer were the parents of 6 children: Lorin L., Carl, Pauline, Verna, Kenneth and Dorothy Loer.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND MARY ANN (MARVEL) GAMBREL

1213491 - Thompson Gambrel, first child of William and Mary A. (Marvel) Gambrel, was born at the family home south of Waynesville, Illinois on June 10, 1853 and died March 4, 1859.

1213492 - Rebecca Jane Gambrel, second child of William and Mary A. (Marvel) Gambrel was born July 2, 1855, near Waynesville, Illinois. On August 27, 1873 she married John Purvines Lanterman, son of Peter and Eliza (Sellars) Lanterman. They farmed near Waynesville until 1883, when they moved to Hamilton County, Nebraska. They returned to Illinois and lived in

Chicago and Aurora. Within a few years they moved to San Diego, California. The Lantermans celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary August 27, 1923. John P. Lanterman died February 1, 1928. Rebecca Jane Lanterman died at the home of her daughter, Harriet Whittren in San Diego, California, on April 5, 1938. Burial was in Greenwood Memorial Park, San Diego, California.

John P. and Rebecca J. (Gambrel) Lanterman had 2 children: Charles E. and Harriet B. Lanterman.

1213493 - James H. Gambrel, third child of William and Mary A. (Marvel) Gambrel, was born April 10, 1857, and died March 9, 1859.

1213494 - William Prettyman Gambrel, fourth child of William and Mary A. (Marvel) Gambrel, was born near Waynesville, Illinois, March 28, 1859. After completing his studies at the neighborhood school, he attended Clinton High School. His parents lived in Clinton for four years while his father served as County Treasurer. William P. Gambrel entered Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington in the fall of 1877. He taught school at Midland City and later was principal of the Waynesville Academy. He married Laura Sweeney, daughter of Richard W. and Sarah C. (Mills) Sweeney on October 15, 1879. For the next three years he was in the grain business in Waynesville and then went into the mercantile business. In 1885 he served as principal of the Waynesville Public School. While living in Waynesville he served on the village board and the board of supervisors. In the summer of 1886 they moved to Clinton, Illinois, where William P. Gambrel entered the office of Graham and Monson as a law student. In August 1888, he was appointed Master in Chancery, and soon became a member of the law firm of Barclay and Gambrel, although he was not admitted to the bar until May 1889. He served as Master in Chancery until his death, which occurred in Clinton, Illinois, August 15, 1892. Laura (Sweeney) Gambrel died in Clinton, October 14, 1923. They were buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Clinton, Illinois.

William P. and Laura (Sweeney) Gambrel had 1 son: Harry Holmes Gambrel.

1213495 - Nancy Elizabeth Gambrel, fifth child of William and Mary A. (Marvel) Gambrel, was born February 1, 1861, near Waynesville, Illinois. She married Willis O. Horn January 12, 1882. They lived on their own farm in DeWitt County until September 1883, when they purchased land in Hamilton County, Nebraska. In January 1892 they sold their Nebraska land and returned to Illinois. The following years they owned farms in McLean and Logan Counties. In March 1902 they disposed of their land and moved to Boulder, Colorado, for the benefit of the health of the family. While living in Colorado Mr. Horn was engaged in feeding live stock. They moved to Spokane, Washington, in June 1908. Mr. Horn retired but was still active in the management of his ranch near Sprague, Washington. Willis O. Horn died in Spokane, Washington, April 15, 1911. Nancy E. Horn was active in the Central Methodist Church, had a keen sense of humor and was an industrious person. She died in Spokane, Washington, August 9, 1948. Mr. and Mrs. Horn were buried in Fairmount Cemetery, Spokane, Washington.

Willis O. and Nancy E. (Gambrel) Horn were the parents of 5 children: Mary C., William, Nellie, Ray H. and Paul Horn.

1213496 - George M. Gambrel, sixth child of William and Mary A. (Marvel) Gambrel, was born January 1, 1863, near Waynesville, Illinois. In 1883 he married Etta Eskew. She died January 17, 1884. On September 8, 1886, he married Ida Dick, daughter of Thomas and Isabelle (Fruit) Dick. George M. Gambrel was in the mercantile business in Waynesville. When he served as Deputy Sheriff of DeWitt County the family lived in Clinton, Illinois. They moved to Macon County, and farmed in the vicinity of Niantic, until he bought a farm near Aberdeen, South Dakota. George M. Gambrel died there January 6, 1928. Ida (Dick) Gambrel died July 25, 1935. They were buried in Aberdeen, South Dakota.

George M. and Ida (Dick) Gambrel were the parents of 3 children: Charles D., George K. and Donald A. Gambrel.

1213497 - Charles Gambrel, seventh child of William and Mary A. (Marvel) Gambrel, was born March 9, 1865, and died February 20, 1870.

1213498 - Maria Gambrel, eighth child of William and Mary A. (Marvel) Gambrel, was born July 11, 1867 and died March 27, 1870.

1213499 - Lavina Gambrel, ninth child of William and Mary A. (Marvel) Gambrel, was born near Waynesville, Illinois April 9, 1869. She married Isham J. Atchison, son of Charles W. and Maria (Hull) Atchison on September 1, 1887. They lived on his farm west of Waynesville. Isham J. Atchison had inherited this land from his father. Charles W. Atchison had inherited it from his father, Isham Atchison, a pioneer settler of DeWitt County, Illinois. When I. J. and Lavina Atchison retired they bought a large home in Waynesville. They were active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. I. J. Atchison died February 8, 1922. Lavina Atchison continued living in the home, which was filled with antiques she and her husband had collected or inherited. Her hobby was needlework and she was especially proficient with an embroidery needle. Lavina (Gambrel) Atchison died July 12, 1946. They were buried in Union Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois.

Isham J. and Lavina (Gambrel) Atchison had 1 daughter: Ethel Atchison.

121349-10 - Adda Gambrel -twin- tenth child of William and Mary A. (Marvel) Gambrel, was born near Waynesville, Illinois July 4, 1871. She married George Trigg on February 3, 1892. They lived on a farm near Deland, Illinois, but later moved into town, where he engaged in the furniture and undertaking business. Adda (Gambrel) Trigg died January 21, 1900 and was buried in Deland, Illinois.

George and Adda (Gambrel) Trigg were the parents of 3 children: Eva, Charles C. and William G. Trigg.

121349-11 - Eva Gambrel -twin- eleventh child of William and Mary A. (Marvel) Gambrel, was born near Waynesville, Illinois, July 4, 1871. On September 3, 1889 she married Charles Wiley Marvel. He was born March 25, 1868 in Logan County, near Beason, Illinois. He was the son of Joseph and Nancy Emmaline (Barr) Marvel. His paternal grandparents were Wiley and Charity (Clark) Marvel - see #12136. His maternal grandparents were Thomas and Alcy (Watt) Barr. Thus the young couple had common great grandparents - Prettyman and Lavina (Rogers) Marvel, also John and Nancy (Hamilton) Barr.

Charles and Eva Marvel lived on his farm south of Waynesville until her death, August 17, 1899. She was buried in Cumberland Cemetery.

Charles W. and Eva (Gambrel) Marvel had 1 child: Ralph L. Marvel.

121349-12 - Thomas Franklin Gambrel, twelfth child of William and Mary A. (Marvel) Gambrel, was born December 22, 1873, near Waynesville, Illinois. He married Emma Bloye of Hallsville on December 18, 1901. They lived on a farm near Waynesville, Illinois, and later moved to Aberdeen, South Dakota. About 1920 they returned to Illinois and he was in the mercantile business in Tabor. Frank Gambrel served as Road Commissioner of Barnett Township for sixteen years. His claim to fame should be the gravel roads of that area. His interest in road improvement resulted in a bond issue being approved so every farm house in Barnett Township was on an all-weather road.

They retired to Clinton, Illinois, where T. Franklin Gambrel died January 5, 1954. Emma (Bloye) Gambrel died January 8, 1959. They were buried in Memorial Park, Clinton, Illinois.

Thomas Franklin and Emma (Bloye) Gambrel had 2 sons: George W. and Frank B. Gambrel.

121349-13 - Laura Emma Gambrel, thirteenth child of William and Mary A. (Marvel) Gambrel, was born September 1, 1875 near Waynesville, Illinois. Since Laura Emma was a long name family members shortened it to "Loll". On January 13, 1897 she married John Longworth, son of Augustus Talbert and Eleanor (Van Ness) Longworth, of McLean. The marriage took place at the Gambrel home. The Longworths lived on their farm, east of McLean, Illinois, and also maintained a dairy herd. She helped with the farm work and raised chickens. In the fall of 1923 they retired to McLean. She spent her leisure time crocheting, hooking rugs, doing embroidery work and piecing quilts. She was a member of the Methodist Church, Order of the Eastern Star and the Daughters of the American Revolution. John Longworth was an energetic man and being dissatisfied with retirement, he trucked livestock to Peoria, Illinois. He belonged to the Methodist Church, Masonic Order, Eastern Star and Sons of Veterans.

Laura Emma (Gambrel) Longworth died at the family home August 17, 1953. John Longworth died December 13, 1953, only a few months after the death of his wife of more than fifty years. He was born in McLean, Illinois, February 14, 1873. They were buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, McLean, Illinois.

John and Laura Emma (Gambrel) Longworth were the parents of 5 children: Earl A., Ethel Leone (died in infancy), Fern, Lois L. and John W. Longworth.

121349-14 - Walter Calvin Gambrel, fourteenth child of William and Mary A. (Marvel) Gambrel, was born near Waynesville, Illinois, December 9, 1877. On September 28, 1899, he married Edna Hass. This marriage ended in divorce and on March 4, 1919, he married Lois B. (Turner) Harry of Atlanta, Illinois. He managed the grain elevator in Tabor and later was in the farm implement business in Waynesville. Walter Calvin Gambrel died at the home of his sister, Minnie Gambrel, in Tabor on March 9, 1939. He was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois.

Walter Calvin and Edna (Hass) Gambrel had 1 daughter: Lois Josephine Gambrel.

121349-15 - Anna Belle Gambrel, fifteenth child of William and Mary A. (Marvel) Gambrel, was born September 21, 1879, near Waynesville, Illinois. She married J. Harvey Thompson September 1, 1904. They spent the first years of their married life on the farm and then moved to Decatur, Illinois, where J. Harvey Thompson became an executive with A. E. Staley Company. Anna Belle (Gambrel) Thompson died in Decatur, Illinois, May 22, 1930. J. Harvey Thompson died June 6, 1942. He was born in Vandalia, Illinois, in 1870. They were buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois.

J. Harvey and Anna Belle (Gambrel) Thompson were the parents of 5 children: Guy G., Hobart H., Ronald R., William W. (died in infancy) and Marjorie Kathleen Thompson.

121349-16 - Minnie Gambrel, sixteenth and youngest child of William and Mary A. (Marvel) Gambrel, was born December 19, 1881, near Waynesville, Illinois. She remained at the family home in Tabor and cared for her mother in her later years. In 1922 Minnie Gambrel became station agent for the Vandalia Railroad and also served as Postmaster of Tabor, Illinois. The railroad discontinued the Tabor ticket office and the post office was moved to the kitchen of her home. Later the post office was closed and Tabor was made part of the rural route of Waynesville.

Like her mother, Minnie Gambrel was a woman of strong personality, always ready with a helping hand to aid a friend in distress. Her favorite hobby was making hooked rugs, but she was also a stamp collector, did quilting, embroidery and other needlework. She raised chickens, hogs and calves on her home acreage. She was a charter member of the William Hamilton Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. When that chapter disbanded, she transferred her membership to the DeWitt Clinton Chapter in Clinton, Illinois.

On March 30, 1958, Minnie Gambrel and John T. Hammitt were married at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Richard Hammitt. The Reverend William A. Hammitt, son of the groom, performed the ceremony in the presence of sixty-five guests. Mr. Hammitt's first marriage was to Ethel Atchison, daughter of I. J. and Lavina (Gambrel) Atchison, and a niece of Minnie Gambrel. Minnie G. Hammitt sold her home in Tabor and they made their home in Waynesville. But the wedded life of Minnie Hammitt was of short duration. She died July 8, 1959, at the hospital in Lincoln, Illinois. She was buried in the Hammitt family plot in Union Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois.

CHILDREN OF WILEY AND ELIZABETH (WILLIAMS) MARVEL

12134-10-1 - Ida May Marvel, first child of Wiley and Elizabeth (Williams) Marvel, was born at the family home about one and one-half miles south of Waynesville, in Barnett Township, DeWitt County, Illinois, on August 3, 1865. On September 26, 1884 she married Dr. George A. Starkey, son of Cornelius and Julia (Johnson) Starkey. Before entering medical school he taught school in the Waynesville area and Ida Marvel was one of his students. George Starkey graduated from University of Kansas in June 1879 and from Louisville Medical College, Louisville, Kentucky, in February 1884. He practiced his chosen profession in Waynesville, Illinois, as long as his health permitted. One of his patients was Rebecca (Barr) Gambrel, grandmother of Ida Starkey. Dr. Starkey was of the era of horse and buggy doctors. He was interested in agriculture and owned land in Illinois and Missouri. The family moved to Eureka Springs, Arkansas, for the benefit of Dr. Starkey's health. He died there March 19, 1909. He was born May 11, 1857 near Zanesville, Muskingum County, Ohio.

Following the death of her husband, Ida M. Starkey lived in Waynesville and for many years spent the winters in California. In 1918 she built a new home in Waynesville, but it burned April 5, 1925. The family was away from home at the time so most of their possessions were lost. Ida M. Starkey moved to Clinton, Illinois, where she lived until her death, July 5, 1944. Dr. George A. and Ida M. Starkey were buried in Union Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois.

Dr. George A. and Ida (Marvel) Starkey were the parents of 3 children: John J., Litta M. and Clure Starkey. The last named died in infancy.

12134-10-2 - Adda Olivia Marvel, second child of Wiley and Elizabeth (Williams) Marvel, was born April 10, 1867 near Waynesville, Illinois. On August 28, 1889 she married Nelson Elkworth Swam, son of Caleb and Serenda (Stansbury) Swam. They lived on their farm of one hundred sixty acres, south of Waynesville, until they retired and bought a home in Clinton. They lived here, with the exception of four years, 1913-1917, when Nelson Swam served as Superintendent of the DeWitt County Farm at Hallsville, Illinois. Adda (Marvel) Swam died in Clinton, Illinois, February 20, 1918. Nelson E. Swam maintained his home in Clinton and often spent the winters in Florida. He died in Clinton, Illinois April 20, 1925. Nelson E. Swam was born in Baltimore County, Maryland, April 12, 1862. They were buried in Union Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois.

Nelson E. and Adda (Marvel) Swam were the parents of 2 sons: unnamed son (died at birth) and Harry C. Swam.

12134-10-3 - Otis Clarence Marvel, third child of Wiley and Elizabeth (Williams) Marvel, was born near Waynesville, Illinois, January 14, 1868. He remained at the family home until February 22, 1905, when he was married to Elizabeth Catherine Reynolds, at Clinton, Illinois. She was the daughter of James R. and Ellen (Ragan) Reynolds. About 1863 her father had come from County Longford, Ireland, with his parents, James and Bridget Reynolds, and settled on a farm near Wapella, Illinois. Otis and Elizabeth Marvel lived on their farm in Barnett Township, DeWitt County, Illinois, until 1916, when they moved to Waynesville. He served as Assessor of Waynesville Township from 1918-1924. He was a director of the Waynesville Township High School for several years. This school was formerly the Waynesville Academy, which his father had been instrumental

in establishing. It became the Waynesville Township High School in 1913. He served as Vice-President of the Waynesville State Bank until it closed in 1929.

In 1932 the Marvels returned to their farm to live. Elizabeth (Reynolds) Marvel died there on January 14, 1935. She was born February 25, 1880 in Clintonia Township, near Wapella, Illinois.

In the fall of 1937 a fire destroyed five buildings on the farm, leaving only the corn crib and machine shed, which had been built earlier in the year. Otis C. Marvel had a model set of farm improvements, including a five bedroom home, when the rebuilding was finished. In 1944, after the marriage of his son, Maurice, who had managed the farm for several years, Otis C. Marvel bought a home in Clinton, Illinois. He died in the John Warner Hospital, November 14, 1947. Otis C. and Elizabeth Marvel were buried in Memorial Park, Clinton, Illinois.

Otis C. and Elizabeth (Reynolds) Marvel were the parents of 4 children: Verna E., Mildred, Maurice O. and Margaret Ferne Marvel.

12134-10-4 - George Bertrum Marvel, fourth child of Wiley and Elizabeth (Williams) Marvel, was born February 5, 1871, near Waynesville, Illinois. After attending the local schools, he graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University in 1896. He graduated from the Bloomington Law School in 1898 and was admitted to the bar later that year. He located at Fairbury, Illinois, but in 1902, came to Clinton, where he continued in the practice of his profession. In 1913 he became President of the State Bank of Clinton, Illinois, and served in that capacity until it ceased operation. George B. Marvel was appointed arbitrator with the Industrial Commission for the State of Illinois for eight years. He served as Postmaster of Clinton, President of the DeWitt County Bar Association and was active in civic affairs. He continued his law practice in Clinton, until his death at the John Warner Hospital on March 8, 1956.

On June 9, 1915, George B. Marvel married Phoebe Hildreth Gramesley, at Charleston, Illinois. After graduating from the local high school she attended Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. Phoebe Marvel was talented in all forms of needlework. Their large home on North Center Street was an ideal setting for her looms, on which she wove many beautiful materials and unusual home furnishings. When her health failed she sold the home and moved to Tucson, Arizona, to live with

their son, George B. Marvel, Jr. and family. She died there on June 13, 1965. She was born August 11, 1880 in Charleston, Illinois. George B. and Phoebe (Gramesley) Marvel were buried in Memorial Park, Clinton, Illinois.

George B. and Phoebe (Gramesley) Marvel had 1 child: George B. Marvel, Jr.

12134-10-5 - Luther Martin Marvel, fifth child of Wiley and Elizabeth (Williams) Marvel, was born December 31, 1872, near Waynesville, Illinois. He attended the 1-room school, West Hull, which the family referred to as "The College". He graduated from the Waynesville Academy and attended Illinois Wesleyan University for one year. In 1904 he graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Chicago, Illinois. He began his medical practice in Deland, Illinois, and moved to Weldon in February 1909.

On October 2, 1901, he married Minnie Trigg, daughter of Charles and Susan (Folks) Trigg. She was born in Logan County, near Beason, Illinois, on June 10, 1873. Dr. Luther M. Marvel died June 14, 1931 at John Warner Hospital, Clinton, Illinois, from injuries received a few days earlier when his car and a train collided while he was making an emergency call.

Minnie Marvel moved to Clinton after the death of her husband and later lived with their only child, Pauline Webb. She died September 20, 1941, and was buried in Deland, Illinois, as was Dr. Luther M. Marvel.

Dr. Luther M. and Minnie (Trigg) Marvel had 1 child: Pauline Marvel.

12134-10-6 - Cora Anna Marvel, sixth child of Wiley and Elizabeth (Williams) Marvel, was born March 7, 1875, near Waynesville, Illinois. She graduated from the Waynesville Academy in the "Latin Scientific Course" in 1894. Since her mother had died the previous year, Cora felt it necessary to remain at home with her family. On March 8, 1899, she married David M. Black. He was born near Midland City, Illinois, August 2, 1874. They lived in the vicinity of Waynesville, until after the death of her father, Wiley Marvel, in 1906. They bought a fine farm west of Kenney, Illinois. In 1920 they retired and moved to Kenney. David M. Black was interested in civic work and served on the board of the Kenney Christian Church until his death February 15, 1948.

After her husband's death, Cora Black continued living in Kenney until she went to the Anna B. Millikin Home in Decatur, Illinois. During the summer of 1967 a fall resulted in a broken hip. Being an active person, she was soon up and walking. She moved to the Pine View Convalescent Home in Clinton, Illinois. She died at the John Warner Hospital on June 29, 1968, at the age of 93 years. She and David M. Black were buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Clinton, Illinois. They had no children.

12134-10-7 - William Justin Marvel, seventh child of Wiley and Elizabeth (Williams) Marvel, was born near Waynesville, Illinois, on May 5, 1877. He graduated from the Waynesville Academy, taught school for two years, then entered Rush Medical College in Chicago, Illinois. He graduated from that institution in 1905 and served his internship at Post Graduate Hospital in Chicago, then began the practice of his profession in that city. He served as Professor of Anatomy and Operative Surgery at Post Graduate Hospital for twenty years. He was a member of the staff of Wesley Hospital and Evangelical Hospital, as well as Post Graduate Hospital. He served on the medical examining board during World War I. He was a member of the Chicago Medical Society, the American Medical Association and a meritorious member of the Chicago Medical Society, also the Illinois Medical Society.

On June 20, 1906 he married Florence Gertrude Bowman at Abrams, Wisconsin. She was born April 23, 1881 in Abrams, Wisconsin, the daughter of Robert E. and Sicetta A. (Westcott) Bowman. She attended the local schools and Normal School at Oshkosh, Wisconsin. She taught school for two years and then entered Post Graduate Hospital Training School for Nurses, graduating in the spring of 1906.

Although much of his life was spent in Chicago, Dr. William J. Marvel never lost his interest in agriculture. He owned land south of Waynesville and also had a fine farm east of that village. In later years, during semi-retirement from the medical profession, he maintained an apartment at the farm home east of Waynesville. He received much pleasure from watching the farming and livestock operations. It was on one of these visits to the farm, that he suffered a fatal heart attack on February 29, 1956.

After the death of her husband, F. Gertrude Marvel sold the family home in Chicago and moved to Clinton, Illinois. She had a mobile home, which was placed in the yard of her son's home on East Jefferson Street. While she was visiting relatives in Wisconsin in 1961 her mobile home was destroyed by flood waters. It was replaced with a new one, modern in every detail.

F. Gertrude Marvel died at the John Warner Hospital, Clinton, Illinois, on January 13, 1962, and was buried in Union Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois, by the side of her husband of almost fifty years.

Dr. William J. and F. Gertrude (Bowman) Marvel had 1 son: Wiley Robert Marvel.

12134-10-8 - Charles Wiley Marvel, eighth child of Wiley and Elizabeth (Williams) Marvel, was born near Waynesville, Illinois, on February 10, 1880. He attended West Hull, the neighborhood school where his father had received his education, and graduated from the Waynesville Academy. He married Ida Ethel Gambrel on December 24, 1912, at Bloomington, Illinois. She was born November 6, 1891, the third child of Charles E. and Mary Emmaline (Smith) Gambrel. After the death of her mother in 1894, Ida lived with her paternal grandparents, Thompson and Olive (Barr) Gambrel. Her maternal grandparents were Charles R. and Mary (Marvel) Smith. The last named was the second child of Wiley and Charity (Clark) Marvel. For the story of Wiley and Charity (Clark) Marvel see #12136. To avoid confusion it should be stated there are several people in this family history with the same names, so they can be distinguished by following the numbering system used.

Charles and Ida Marvel made their home on the farm, where he was born. He was a progressive farmer and added to the acreage he had inherited from his father. In 1943 they retired and moved to Waynesville. The large dining room of their home was a gathering place for family and friends. Daily domino games were played here during the winter months. They were members of the Waynesville Methodist Church and she was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Ida Marvel had a fine soprano voice and was gracious and generous with her talent as a singer. Ida (Gambrel) Marvel died in Lincoln, Illinois September 28, 1959. Charles W. Marvel died at his

home in Waynesville on April 16, 1960. They were buried in Union Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois.

Charles W. and Ida (Gambrel) Marvel were the parents of 7 children: William E., Charlene E., Leona F., Wayne T., Emma Jean, Ada Marie and Wanda L. Marvel.

12134-10-9 - Verna Belle Marvel, ninth child of Wiley and Elizabeth (Williams) Marvel, was born August 23, 1883. She attended West Hull school and graduated from the Waynesville Academy on June 5, 1900. After her mother died in 1894, Verna became the constant companion of her father. Their shopping center was Montgomery Ward's in Chicago. At least twice each year she and her father went to the city by train, to purchase clothing, bolts of yard goods, shoes, linens, canned goods, household and farming supplies. About this time Montgomery Ward's changed some of their retail policies and the sales clerk was assigned to only one department. When Wiley Marvel learned he was expected to deal with several sales clerks on his shopping tour, he was infuriated. He stormed into the president's office to protest this procedure. Verna Belle found her father's actions very embarrassing but the Montgomery Ward official was most happy to assure Mr. Marvel that one sales clerk would be assigned to him while making all his purchases. Verna Belle learned to be ready at the moment's notice as her father disliked waiting for anyone.

Verna Belle Marvel married James Steven, Jr. on July 5, 1905. He was born August 4, 1879, the son of James and Elizabeth Margaret (McLeod) Steven. He was a member of the firm - Steven, Son and Company, Contractors and Stone Setters. They maintained their permanent home in Chicago, but lived in Denver, Kansas City and Washington, D.C. during the construction of many government and other large public buildings. Like all other industries the Steven, Son and Company felt the effects of the depression years of the 1930's. Their marriage was ended by divorce.

About 1945 she sold her Chicago home on Longwood Drive. She and her daughter moved to Charlottesville, Virginia, where she is now living in a convalescent home. She is the youngest of the 3 living grandchildren of Prettyman, Jr. and Rebecca (Barr) Marvel. This year (1969) Hattie (Marvel) Nielsen will celebrate her 95th birthday and Stella (Marvel) Lawson will celebrate her 90th birthday.

James, Jr. and Verna Belle (Marvel) Steven were the parents of 2 daughters: Marvel E. and Gladys L. Steven.

12134-10-10 - Merrit Marvel, tenth child of Wiley and Elizabeth (Williams) Marvel, was born near Waynesville, Illinois, July 28, 1886, and died November 2, 1886.

CHILDREN OF GEORGE AND LOUISA (HOUCHEIN) MARVEL

12134-11-1 - Rebecca Elizabeth Marvel, first child of George and Louisa (Houchin) Marvel, was born in Logan County, Illinois, on January 11, 1865 and died August 22, 1881.

12134-11-2 - Carrie Belle Marvel, second child of George and Louisa (Houchin) Marvel, was born in Logan County, Illinois September 27, 1866 and died September 30, 1881.

12134-11-3 - Mary Jane Marvel, third child of George and Louisa (Houchin) Marvel, was born October 1, 1869 in Logan County, Illinois. In 1880 she went to Nebraska with her parents, where they farmed in Dawson County and later went to Colorado. The Marvels returned to Nebraska in 1883 and farmed near Phillips. She married Herbert Monroe Travis in Aurora, Nebraska, on September 2, 1884. They lived on their farm in Hamilton County. They retired to Phillips, Nebraska, where Herbert M. Travis died April 1, 1921. Mary Jane Travis attended the Marvel Reunion in Peoria, Illinois, in 1923. Her second marriage was to John W. Grigsby on October 1, 1930. Mr. Grigsby died February 17, 1932. Mary Jane (Marvel) Grigsby died in Grand Island, Nebraska, May 23, 1947. She was buried in Phillips, Nebraska, as was Herbert M. Travis.

Herbert M. and Mary Jane (Marvel) Travis were the parents of 4 children: Ida, George Lester, Hattie May and Fern Travis.

12134-11-4 and 12134-11-5 - Twins - Stella May and Della Fay Marvel, fourth and fifth children of George and Louisa (Houchin) Marvel, were born March 8, 1872 and died in infancy.

12134-11-6 - Hattie Catherine Marvel, sixth child of George and Louisa (Houchin) Marvel was born in Waynesville, Illinois, on July 29, 1874. She was a small child when her parents moved to Dawson County, Nebraska. They lived in Colorado for two years and in 1883 they made their home in Hamilton County, Nebraska. She was married to Fred Nielsen in Grand Island,

Nebraska on March 1, 1893. He was the son of John and Lucy (Warner) Nielsen and was born in Port Clinton, Ohio, May 10, 1872. They lived on their farm in Jefferson County, northeast of Fairbury, Nebraska. In 1922 they retired to Fairbury. In 1928 Mr. and Mrs. Nielsen attended the Marvel Reunion in Peoria, Illinois. They were accompanied by her father, George Marvel and her sister, Mary Jane Travis. In 1931 the Neilsens returned to Peoria, Illinois, to the Marvel Reunion. Hattie Nielsen reviewed the history of the Marvels in Nebraska, thus giving the Marvels in Illinois an opportunity to become better acquainted with their "distant cousins". Fred Nielsen died in Fairbury, Nebraska January 31, 1943 and was buried there. Hattie Nielsen lived in Fairbury until 1964, when she entered a nursing home in Hebron, Nebraska. Later she moved to a nursing home in Fairbury. She is one of the three living grandchildren of Prettyman, Jr. and Rebecca (Barr) Marvel - 1969.

Fred and Hattie (Marvel) Nielsen had no children, but adopted a daughter, Ida Faye Nielsen.

12134-11-7 - William Prettyman Marvel, seventh child and only son of George and Louisa (Houchin) Marvel, was born at Lexington, Nebraska, January 11, 1881. He grew to manhood in Hamilton County, Nebraska, where his parents moved when he was three years of age. He was married in Fairbury, Nebraska, to Wilhelmina M. Sundermeier, on July 20, 1909. They lived in the vicinity of Phillips, Nebraska. William Prettyman Marvel was interested in band music, played the bass horn and served as band conductor in Elkhorn and Phillips. In 1917 he was presented a trophy from the Phillips band.

About 1925 the Marvel family moved to Grand Island, where he was a carpenter, later being in charge of the Bridge and Builders Department of the Union Pacific Railroad. William Prettyman Marvel died in Grand Island, Nebraska, on June 14, 1956. Wilhelmina Marvel, known as "Minnie", died June 16, 1966. She was born June 13, 1889. They were buried in Phillips, Nebraska.

William Prettyman and Wilhelmina (Sundermeier) Marvel were the parents of 4 children: Beth Irene, Gladys L., Agnes M. and Charles E. Marvel.

EIGHTH GENERATION

The grandchildren of the 5 sons and 5 daughters of Prettyman, Jr. and Rebecca (Barr) Marvel represent the 8th generation. The emigrant ancestor, John Marvel (1632-1707) represents the 1st generation.

GRANDCHILDREN OF JOHN S. AND JANE (ROBERTS) MARVEL

CHILDREN OF ALEXANDER AND REBECCA (MARVEL) SWAN

12134111 - Annie L. Swan, oldest child of Alexander and Rebecca Swan, was born April 18, 1865 near Waynesville, Illinois. She graduated from Elm Grove, the 1-room school east of her parent's home. After receiving additional education at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, she taught school for four years. While teaching near Lane, Illinois, she met Dr. William H. Zorger, whom she married July 3, 1887 in Clinton, Illinois. He was born near Clinton, September 5, 1860, the son of Jacob S. and Margaret (Miller) Zorger. In 1833 the young physician's grandparents had migrated to Illinois from York County, Pennsylvania. They established Zorger's Mill on the Sangamon River, near the present town of Monticello. In his youth, John S. Marvel, the grandfather of Annie Zorger, rode to this mill, with a two-bushel sack of wheat across the back of the horse. He was usually accompanied by his brother, James. After spending the night with Mr. and Mrs. Zorger, the boys returned home with the stone ground meal.

Being a person with a keen mind, Annie Zorger became interested in her husband's profession and began the study of medicine and pharmacy. After five years training in their drug store, she enrolled in American Medical College in St. Louis, Missouri, and graduated June 4, 1894. A short time after this they established their practice in Champaign, Illinois. In 1902 they spent a year in Europe, where they attended clinics and courses in many medical centers. She made a special study of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. They returned to Champaign, where they had a lucrative practice. Dr. William H. Zorger retired in 1932 and died in Champaign, Illinois, September 22, 1935.

Dr. Annie, as she was called by those who knew her intimately, found time for church and social activities, as

well as her profession. She was a member of the Champaign Women's Club, the Business Women's Club, the Women's Medical Club of Chicago and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She served as State Corresponding Secretary of the last named organization. She was a kind and generous person, ready to help those in need and aided many young people in educational pursuits.

In 1947 she retired from her chosen profession, sold her home in Champaign, and moved to the house in Waynesville, which she inherited from her parents. She died there May 28, 1954. She was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois, as was Dr. William H. Zorger.

Dr. William H. and Annie (Swan) Zorger had no children, but adopted a daughter, Pauline Virginia Zorger.

12134112 - John F. Swan, second child of Alexander and Rebecca Swan, was born August 17, 1874, on the farm near Waynesville, Illinois. He attended Elm Grove School, Waynesville Academy and Business College in Champaign, Illinois. He worked in a shoe store and was planning to establish his own business, but his health failed. He died April 27, 1904 and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois.

12134113 - Archibald E. Swan, third child of Alexander and Rebecca Swan, was born August 21, 1881 near Waynesville, Illinois. He attended the neighborhood school and the Waynesville Academy, graduating with high honors. He attended University of Illinois and returned to Waynesville to operate the family farm, as his father's health was failing. He remained in the family home and was devoted to his aged parents. After their death he lived in Waynesville, but spent the winters in McAllen, Texas. He died there March 21, 1930 and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois. He was unmarried.

12134114 - Grace V. Swan, youngest child of Alexander and Rebecca Swan, was born October 14, 1885 at the home, three miles southeast of Waynesville, Illinois. She attended Elm Grove School and graduated from Waynesville Academy in 1903. She had the privilege of being a student of Professor Smith. He was so competent as an educator that his students were admitted to University of Illinois without an entrance examination. Grace V. Swan completed the course of Supervisor of Music at University of Illinois and also studied Dramatic Art. She taught music and dramatic art for many years.

She married Ashton E. Campbell, a young attorney-at-law, of Champaign, Illinois on January 1, 1920. He was Assistant Attorney General for several years. During this time they lived in Springfield, Illinois. They returned to Champaign, where he was a successful lawyer. Grace Campbell had a pleasing personality and was a capable leader. She was a member of the Champaign Women's Club and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Grace V. Campbell died in Champaign, Illinois, March 9, 1962, and was buried there. Her husband preceded her in death. They had no children.

Children of William Thomas and Eleanor (Jones) Marvel

12134121 - John Everett Marvel, oldest child of W. Thomas and Eleanor Marvel was born January 2, 1884 near Waynesville, Illinois, on the homestead his grandfather had entered from the government. He graduated from West Hull School, Waynesville Academy and University of Illinois. He completed his medical studies at Rush Medical College in Chicago, Illinois in 1909. He served his two year internship at Passavant Memorial Hospital in Chicago and practiced there one year, before locating in Waynesville. During World War I he was a first lieutenant in the US Medical Corps and was stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas. After his discharge from the Army he returned to Waynesville and established a large practice in the area. During World War I an influenza epidemic caused widespread sickness and death. Dr. J. E. Marvel became an authority on the treatment of pneumonia and respiratory diseases. This was prior to the discovery of penicillin and other so-called "miracle drugs".

Dr. J. E. Marvel had a keen interest in literature and had an excellent library in his home. He was a student of history and did much lineage research on the Montgomery family as well as the Marvel family. "The Evolution of the Name Marvel" was one of the results of his work. He enjoyed the Marvel Reunions and went to Phillips, Nebraska, in 1923 to promote their interest in compiling Marvel history. He had a remarkable memory and could relate many unusual genealogical facts.

He was a member of the Waynesville Methodist Church, the American Legion, the Masonic Order and the Illinois State Historical Society, also the American Medical Association

and the DeWitt County Medical Society. After forty-nine years in the medical profession, he retired in 1960. He sold his real estate and entered the Veterans Hospital in Danville, Illinois. He maintains his interest in books and enjoys visits from his friends. Dr. John Everett Marvel is unmarried.

12134122 - Eva May Marvel, second child of W. Thomas and Eleanor Marvel, was born December 3, 1885 near Waynesville, Illinois. While a student at Waynesville Academy, she became ill with pneumonia and died January 8, 1902. She was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois.

12134123 - Ethel Fern Marvel, third child of W. Thomas and Eleanor Marvel, was born near Waynesville, Illinois, February 27, 1892. She graduated from Waynesville Academy and Illinois Wesleyan School of Music. She was a teacher of piano and voice for fifteen years; for a time in connection with Illinois Wesleyan University. She was a teacher in the Waynesville Elementary School and the Waynesville Township High School.

She was united in marriage to the Reverend Albert E. Blomberg February 15, 1922, in Chicago, Illinois. He was born in Chicago February 8, 1889, son of John and Hannah (Larson) Blomberg. He attended the Chicago public schools, Athenaeum Business College and Illinois Wesleyan University. He graduated from Northwestern University in 1920 and Garrett Biblical Institute two years later. He was ordained in the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church at the Rock River Conference in 1921 and was assigned to the church in Dalton, Illinois. The Rev. and Mrs. Blomberg moved to Peotone in 1923 and from 1928 to 1935 served at the Lincoln Street Institutional Church in Chicago. In the fall of 1935 they were transferred to the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Lockport. Ethel Fern Blomberg died at the Silver Cross Hospital in Joliet, Illinois, February 27, 1937. Funeral services were at the church in Lockport and burial was in Cedar Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois.

Ethel Fern Blomberg was a person with many talents. She was interested in literature and her writings were considered authentic by historical societies. She and her brother did much research on the Marvel history. She became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at the age of twelve and was devoted to the work of Christ and His Kingdom. She was licensed by the Methodist Conference as a local minister, receiving her first license in her home church, which her Marvel ancestors were instrumental in establishing. She was

an impressive speaker and was in demand by church and civic organizations. She was a talented musician, and due to the absence of the regular organist, she had played the organ at Sunday School and the morning worship service the day she suffered her fatal heart attack.

Albert E. and Ethel Fern (Marvel) Blomberg had 1 child: Eleanor Marie Blomberg.

12134124 - Opal Irene Marvel, fourth child of W. Thomas and Eleanor Marvel, was born June 15, 1895 near Waynesville, Illinois. She graduated from Waynesville Township High School in 1914 and from Wesleyan College of Music in 1919. She received her Bachelor of Music degree from the Cosmopolitan School of Music, Chicago in June, 1922 and went to Toledo, Ohio, where she was piano instructor at the Toledo Conservatory of Music. In 1925 she went to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she taught piano at the University of New Mexico. During the summer months she returned to her parent's home in Waynesville. She participated in the weekly band concerts, which were part of the social life of the town. It was during this era the village of Waynesville passed a band tax, which supplied a fund for the purchase of music. For many years Opal Marvel was the featured organist at the exclusive Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago. Later she returned to Waynesville and made her home with her brother until he entered the Veterans Hospital in Danville. At this time she went to the hospital in Kankakee, Illinois, where she now lives. Opal Marvel is unmarried.

Child of James M. and Sarah (Marvel) Barnett

12134141 - Arthur Franklin Barnett, first child of James M. and Sarah Barnett, was born in Barnett Township, DeWitt County, Illinois, on April 5, 1880. After graduating from Clinton High School, he attended University of Illinois, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree. He studied medicine at Rush Medical College, Chicago, Illinois, graduating in 1904. He began the practice of his profession in Joplin, Missouri.

On September 25, 1907 he married Mary Pauline Crouse in Citronella, Alabama. She was the daughter of Dr. Daniel Webster and Florence (Hawley) Crouse. She was born in Waterloo Iowa, April 4, 1881. Within a few years the Barnetts moved to Walla Walla, Washington and then to

Dayton, Washington. He later established his practice in Eugene, Oregon. Dr. Arthur F. Barnett specialized in radiology. They were members of the Congregational Church.

Dr. Arthur F. Barnett died in Eugene, Oregon, November 29, 1946. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Barnett moved to San Francisco, California. Address: 1945 Jefferson.

Dr. Arthur F. and Mary Pauline (Crouse) Barnett had 1 son: Arthur Hamilton Barnett.

GRANDCHILDREN OF JAMES AND MARIA (GAMBREL) MARVEL

Children of Thompson and Margaret (French) Marvel

12134211 - James A. Marvel, first child of Thompson and Margaret Marvel, was born in Vermilion County, Illinois, December 2, 1871. His parents moved to Hamilton County, Iowa, when he was eleven years of age. Two years later they settled in Hamilton County, Nebraska. On March 3, 1898 he married Lulu Cantrell, daughter of Jesse and Ardella (Gaddis) Cantrell.

James A. Marvel owned a drygoods and grocery store in Giltner, Nebraska. The depression years marked the beginning of the decline of Giltner, as well as many small towns all over the nation. The 1930's was a period marked by a slackening of business activity, falling prices and much unemployment. Many banks had closed, including the Citizens Bank of Giltner. By 1931 the price of corn was as low as ten cents per bushel and other grains had decreased accordingly. Conditions in Nebraska failed to improve during the next few years, due to the drought. Constant winds and the lack of moisture caused erosion of the land and resulted in crop failure. This was before the Rural Electrification Administration had been formed. As the years passed electric lines were built in rural communities and it was possible for the Nebraska farmer to irrigate the land. Rural roads were improved and highways were built. But progress did not halt the decline of Giltner. By 1967 the town had no grocery store, train or bus service.

In 1935 James A. Marvel closed his grocery and drygoods store and they moved to Hastings, Nebraska, where he died November 20, 1951. Burial was in Hastings, Nebraska.

James A. and Lulu (Cantrell) Marvel were the parents of 3 children: Owen Henry, Florence Marie and James Oren Marvel.

12134212 - George Henry Marvel, second child of Thompson and Margaret Marvel, was born near Penfield, Vermilion County, Illinois, June 21, 1873. His boyhood days were spent helping with the farm work and attending the neighborhood school in Hamilton County, Nebraska. In 1894 he began his studies at Lincoln Normal University, where he received his degree in 1898. He also attended Nebraska State University and spent the next few years teaching school. In 1901 he entered Lincoln Medical College and graduated in medicine in 1905. He located in Aurora, Nebraska, where he had an excellent practice, and then moved to Lincoln and continued his chosen profession. On August 16, 1910 he married Bernice L. Weekly, daughter of William L. and Maggie (Maxwell) Weekly. She was born March 2, 1885 in Nebron, West Virginia but had moved to Nebraska with her parents when she was a small child. She received her education in the Lincoln, Nebraska schools and the Conservatory of Music of Nebraska State University. Bernice (Weekly) Marvel died December 17, 1938. Dr. George H. Marvel died June 23, 1942. They were buried in Wyuka Cemetery, Lincoln, Nebraska. They had no children.

12134213 - Lillie Marvel, third child of Thompson and Margaret Marvel, was born September 17, 1875 in Vermilion County, Illinois, and died there May 21, 1877.

12134214 - Stella Marvel, fourth child of Thompson and Margaret Marvel was born February 19, 1878 and died May 17, 1880 in Vermilion County, Illinois, the place of her birth.

12134215 - Perry Otto Marvel, fifth child of Thompson and Margaret Marvel, was born in Vermilion County, Illinois, July 31, 1881. His parents moved to the vicinity of Webster City, Hamilton County, Iowa, and in 1884 settled in Hamilton County, Nebraska. He attended the neighborhood school and graduated from Giltner High School in 1903. He attended Cotner University, Lincoln, Nebraska, for two years, entered Lincoln Medical College in the fall of 1905 and graduated four years later. He served his internship at Esther's Hospital, Lincoln, Nebraska. He also studied surgery at Post Graduate Hospital in Chicago, Illinois. He practiced with his brother, Dr. George H. Marvel, in Aurora, Nebraska. In 1914 he moved to Giltner, where he enjoyed a profitable practice.

On September 4, 1912 he married Lena J. Bowers, daughter of John B. and Matilda (Cooper) Bowers. The ceremony took place at her parent's home near Beatrice, Nebraska. She graduated from Adams High School, Adams, Nebraska, and Beatrice Commercial College in Beatrice, Nebraska. She taught shorthand and typing at the Beatrice Commercial College. She was interested in music and directed several choral groups. She was a member of the committee that established the Giltner Library. She served as State President of the Christian Women's Fellowship and contributed monthly articles to the Bethany Guild, the church magazine. She was a past worthy matron of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Dr. Perry Otto Marvel was interested in the civic activities of Giltner, serving as Chairman of the Village Board for twenty years, Secretary of the school board for ten years, a member of the Official Board of the Christian Church, a past master of the Masonic Order and a past worthy patron of the Order of the Eastern Star. He was a trustee of Cotner College. Dr. Perry O. Marvel died October 26, 1962, at Giltner, soon after their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Lena (Bowers) Marvel died March 21, 1966. She was born near Langdon, Atchison County, Missouri, October 8, 1888. They were buried at Giltner, Nebraska.

Dr. Perry O. and Lena (Bowers) Marvel were the parents of 3 children: Merton Eugene (died at birth), Alden Leroy and Wylda Maurine Marvel.

12134216 - Irene M. Marvel, sixth child of Thompson and Margaret Marvel, was born near Webster City, Iowa, March 10, 1883 and moved to Hamilton County, Nebraska with her parents the following year. She graduated from Giltner High School. On April 5, 1905 she married Claude D. Chapman, who had been engaged in the undertaking profession, since coming to Giltner in 1899. He owned a hardware store, which was a substantial business in the farming community. About 1931 he sold the hardware store and later affiliated his undertaking business with a Hastings, Nebraska, mortuary. On April 5, 1955, Irene and Claude Chapman were honored at a reception held in their home in Giltner in celebration of their golden wedding anniversary. Claude D. Chapman died November 2, 1955 and was buried at Lerton Cemetery, Giltner, Nebraska.

After the death of her husband, Irene M. Chapman sold her home and moved to an apartment in her building, which formerly was the Citizens Bank of Giltner. She spends the winter in Lemon Grove, California, at the home of her daughter. Part of the summer is spent with her son in Fort Dodge, Iowa. Irene M. Chapman is a delightful person with a pleasing personality, a ready smile and a keen mind.

Claude D. and Irene (Marvel) Chapman were the parents of 3 children: Elvin B., Vera C. (died in infancy) and Verla Irene Chapman.

12134217 - Maggie E. Marvel, seventh child of Thompson and Margaret Marvel, was born in Hamilton County, Nebraska, September 7, 1885. She graduated from Giltner High School in 1904. March 22, 1908 she married Lemoyn J. Gallentine of Giltner, Nebraska. He was born in Clay County, Nebraska, in 1878 but had moved to Hamilton County as a small child. He was engaged in the banking business in Giltner until 1915. They moved to Randolph, Utah, where he was in the development and cattle business. Two years later they moved to Logan, Utah. Here Mr. Gallentine organized the Union Live Stock Commission and the Continental Building and Loan Association. In 1923 they moved to Chicago, Illinois. Two years later they went to Fort Pierce, Florida, where he was interested in the real estate business. Lemoyne and Maggie Gallentine celebrated their 50th and 60th wedding anniversaries in Daytona Beach, Florida, where they have lived for many years.

Address: 129 Cypress St.

Lemoyn J. and Maggie (Marvel) Gallentine were the parents of 5 children: Beulah D., Bernice L., Lemoyn E., Marvel J. and Donald O. Gallentine.

12134128 - Della Marvel -twin- eighth child of Thompson and Margaret Marvel, was born January 27, 1887 in Hamilton County, Nebraska. She graduated from Giltner High School and attended Cosmetician School in Chicago, Illinois, finishing her course in training in September, 1917. She went to Duluth, Minnesota, where she managed the Beauty Shop in one of the leading department stores of that city. She returned to Giltner, Nebraska, to care for her parents in their later years. October 4, 1945 she married Adolph Voss at Grand Island, Nebraska. Della (Marvel) Voss died April 16, 1951 at Grand Island and was buried there.

12134219 - Delmar Marvel, twin to Della, ninth child of Thompson and Margaret Marvel, was born January 27, 1887, in Hamilton County, Nebraska, and died March 23, 1887.

Children of William and Nancy Jane (Marvel) Shipley

12134221 - Amy Ellen Shipley, first child of William and Nancy Jane Shipley, was born near Waynesville, Illinois, September 6, 1876. She made her home with her parents on their farm in Barnett Township, DeWitt County, Illinois. She was interested in music and was a teacher of piano for many years. In 1904 she went to Yamhill County, Oregon, with her brothers and their families. On October 6, 1907 she was married in Portland, Oregon, to Frank C. Eddy, son of Hosmer and Mary (Ladd) Eddy. They owned a department store in Willamina, Oregon, for several years, then established themselves in the same business in Independence. Frank C. Eddy died December 16, 1916 in Independence, Oregon. He was born April 16, 1870 in Elgin, Illinois.

May 19, 1921, Amy (Shipley) Eddy married Joseph B. Violette, son of Lawrence and Mary (Ruet) Violette. They owned the Violette Dry Goods Company in Independence. In later years Amy Violette moved to The Dalles, Oregon, where she died March 1, 1945.

Frank C. and Amy (Shipley) Eddy were the parents of 3 children: Mary Marvel (died in infancy), Amy Margaret and Lowell Ladd Eddy. Joseph B. and Amy (Shipley) Violette had 1 child: Joseph B. Violette, Jr.

12134222 - James Messer Shipley, second child of William and Nancy Jane Shipley, was born near Waynesville, Illinois, on May 28, 1878. He married Lorraine Winegardner on December 1, 1902. She was born near Hallsville, Illinois, November 13, 1885, the daughter of Amos and Mary (Danison) Winegardner. They made their home on a farm in De Witt County, Illinois, until 1904, when they moved to Yamhill County, Oregon to look after the land his father had purchased. They lived near Sheridan, Oregon and later moved to Corvallis. James M. Shipley died in Portland, Oregon, November 29, 1935. After her husband's death Mrs. Shipley made her home with their son, William A., in The Dalles, Oregon.

James M. and Lorraine (Winegardner) Shipley were the parents of 4 children: Mary Jane, Helen Lorraine, William Amos and Martha Ann Shipley.

12134223 - George Thomas Shipley, third child of William and Nancy Jane Shipley, was born near Waynesville, Illinois, September 10, 1879. He married Lydia A. Winegardner on December 20, 1903. She was born near Hallsville, Illinois, April 1, 1883 and was a sister to Lorraine (Winegardner) Shipley. In 1904 they left DeWitt County, Illinois and moved to the vicinity of Sheridan, Oregon. Later they retired from farming and lived in Tillamook, Oregon. George T. Shipley died about 1960. His wife preceded him in death.

George T. and Lydia (Winegardner) Shipley had 1 son: William Kenneth Shipley.

12134224 - Wilhelm Douglas Shipley, fourth child of William and Nancy Jane Shipley, was born near Waynesville, Illinois, November 15, 1881. He managed the family farm after his father's illness and death, living on the "homeplace" until he retired and moved to Waynesville. On January 14, 1915 he married Mamie Lorene Kirby, daughter of Lacy and Mary (Winegardner) Kirby. "Billy", as he was commonly known, was the only member of the William Shipley family to remain in Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Shipley were members of the Waynesville Christian Church. When that organization was dissolved they became members of the Waynesville Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Shipley attended the Marvel Reunion in Phillips, Nebraska, in 1923 and always attended the Marvel Reunions in Illinois during the earlier period. Wilhelm Douglas Shipley died December 24, 1959 at the hospital in Clinton, Illinois and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois. Mamie Shipley lives in Waynesville and is active in church and social groups.

W. D. and Mamie (Kirby) Shipley were the parents of 5 children: Maurice Beryl, Wava I., Vernon Dale, Robert E. and Dorothy J. Shipley.

12134225 - Edwin Francis Shipley, fifth child of William and Nancy Jane Shipley, was born August 24, 1886, near Waynesville, Illinois. He remained on the farm until January 18, 1916, when he married Martha Caroline Mercer of Vernon, Illinois. He was generally called "Frank" instead of Francis. Soon after their marriage they moved to Sheridan, Oregon. Before 1925 they moved to Portland, Oregon, and was still living there in 1959. No further information available on this family.

Edwin Francis and Martha (Mercer) Shipley were the parents of 2 children: Edwin Francis, Jr. and Marion Wesley Shipley.

Children of William Prettyman and Sarah (Darnell) Marvel

12134231 - Minnie Belle Marvel, first child of William Prettyman and Sarah Marvel, was born in Vermilion County, Illinois, September 14, 1874. She was a small girl when her parents moved to Kansas and was sixteen years of age when they moved to Hamilton County, Nebraska, near Giltner. She married John T. Garrett on March 3, 1897. They lived on their farm in Hamilton County until 1915, when they retired to Aurora, Nebraska. In 1919 they purchased a home in Long Beach, California. Mr. and Mrs. Garrett came to Illinois to the Barr Reunion in August, 1911, and often attended the Marvel Reunions in Illinois during the 1920's. On March 3, 1947 the Garretts celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a reception at their home in Long Beach. Minnie (Marvel) Garrett died September 1, 1952 in Long Beach and was buried in Rose Hills Memorial Park, as was John T. Garrett, who preceded her in death.

John T. and Minnie (Marvel) Garrett had 1 daughter: Edna May Garrett.

12134232 - John W. Marvel, second child of William Prettyman and Sarah Marvel, was born in Vermilion County, Illinois on November 29, 1875. He spent his early years in Kansas and came to Hamilton County, Nebraska, with his parents in 1890. After graduating from high school, he attended Lincoln Normal School. The next two years were spent teaching school. He married Alma L. Sims July 26, 1899 in Aurora, Nebraska. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Sims. In 1903 he was elected Hamilton County Clerk and served two terms in that office. Later he was cashier of the Aurora National Bank. In 1915 the family moved to Hastings, Nebraska, where he was associated with a bank. During this time he served as President of the Group Four of the Nebraska Bankers Association. About 1930 he entered the real estate field, working until ill health forced his retirement. They were members of the First Methodist Church of Hastings.

John W. Marvel was interested in family history. He enjoyed writing letters to his sister and brothers in California, telling them incidents he had learned about their

ancestors. Mr. and Mrs. Marvel attended the Barr Reunion in Illinois in 1911. After he and many of his kinsfolk had attended the Marvel Reunion in Peoria, Illinois, in 1923, he urged the Marvels in Nebraska to have a reunion and collect data to be sent to Ella Yeakel, who was writing the family history. It was decided their reunion should be held September 30, 1923, in Phillips, Nebraska, the home of George Marvel, youngest child of Prettyman, Jr. and Rebecca (Barr) Marvel. This was a significant date - Rebecca (Barr) Gambrel had died on that date thirty years earlier and one hundred years previous, May 15, 1823, was the marriage date of Prettyman, Jr. and Rebecca (Barr) Marvel. On July 31, 1949 Mr. and Mrs. John W. Marvel were honored guests at the Marvel Reunion held in Hastings, Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Marvel observed their golden wedding anniversary July 26, 1949, with a reception at their home - 802 North St. Joseph Avenue. Among those present were his brother, Alonzo D. Marvel of San Diego, California and five other guests from Aurora, who had attended the wedding fifty years ago.

John W. Marvel died September 8, 1954, and was buried in Aurora, Nebraska. Mrs. Marvel continued living in the family home until August 1968, when she moved to a convalescent home.

John W. and Alma (Sims) Marvel were the parents of 2 children: Ona Evelyn and Crescent Maynard Marvel. The last named died in infancy.

12134233 - Edward Minor Marvel, third child of William Prettyman and Sarah Marvel was born in Champaign County, Illinois, June 24, 1878. In the fall of that year his parents went to Cowley County, Kansas, then to Hamilton County, Nebraska in 1890. November 9, 1898 he married Ada Dryden, daughter of William T. and Harriet (McNeil) Dryden. They farmed near Aurora, Nebraska and later operated a large farm near Loup City, which he purchased in partnership with his father. In 1923 the Edward W. Marvel family moved to Los Angeles, California, where he was in the contracting and building business. He contributed much to the development of the area now known as South Gate. He built their first home at 1811 Independence Avenue and as the neighborhood developed he built a new home at 3613 Independence Avenue.

Edward M. Marvel died of a heart attack at his home in South Gate, California, March 1, 1941. Ada Marvel continued to live in the family home. She was an active person and enjoyed the visits of her family and friends. Ada (Dryden) Marvel died December 7, 1965 in Los Angeles, California, while on a visit to her daughter. She was born August 4, 1876 in Bonham County, South Dakota. She was buried in Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, California, as was Edward M. Marvel.

Edward M. and Ada (Dryden) Marvel were the parents of 6 children: Ordie William, Viola, Harry E., Rosa, Ray T and Amy Marvel.

12134234 - Thompson Marvel, fourth child of William Prettyman and Sarah Marvel, was born in Cowley County, Kansas, June 11, 1880 and died June 1, 1881.

12134235 - Unnamed son, fifth child of William Prettyman and Sarah Marvel, was born February 14, 1882 and died the same day.

12134236 - Annie Marvel, sixth child of William Prettyman and Sarah Marvel, was born March 1, 1883 in Cowley County, Kansas. She died July 2, 1884.

12134237 - Alva O. Marvel, seventh child of William Prettyman and Sarah Marvel, was born January 19, 1885 in Harper County, Kansas and died in Comanche County, Kansas, on September 15, 1889.

12134238 - Alonzo D. Marvel, eighth child of William Prettyman and Sarah Marvel, was born in Comanche County, Kansas, August 24, 1887. He grew to manhood on his parents' farm in Hamilton County, Nebraska. He married Nettie V. Short of Aurora, Nebraska on August 8, 1909. They lived on a farm near Aurora until the fall of 1919. They moved to San Diego, California, where Mr. Marvel worked in his brother-in-law's hardware store. In April 1925 he was employed by the Challenge Cream and Butter Association and contributed much to the growth of that company. He retired September 1, 1952 and used his leisure time taking care of his real estate interests. Soon after his retirement they bought a mobile home. At this time mobile home living was a new idea. Within a short time they moved their mobile home to El Cajon, California to be near their daughter Lucille Slatter and family. Alonzo and Nettie Marvel celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with an open house

August 8, 1959. Nettie V. Marvel died December 26, 1965 and was entombed in Greenwood Mausoleum in San Diego. Alonzo Marvel is an active person and enjoys traveling. The airplane is his favorite mode of transportation.

Alonzo D. and Nettie (Short) Marvel were the parents of 2 daughters: Eleanor and Lucille Marvel.

12134239 - Vermil Ernest Marvel, ninth child of William Prettyman and Sarah Marvel, was born April 15, 1890 in Comanche County, Kansas. His parents moved to Hamilton County, Nebraska in September of that year. On October 23, 1912 he married Myrtle Annie Evans, daughter of Lyman Grant and Ida (Van Husen) Evans. The Vermil Marvels made their home on a farm near Murphy, Nebraska. Myrtle (Evans) Marvel died February 18, 1919 following the birth of twins. She was born July 16, 1893.

On September 16, 1920 Vermil E. Marvel married Eva Godown. After Vermil Marvel quit farming he worked for Standard Oil Company and continued working for the same company, after moving to California. This second marriage ended in divorce. Vermil E. Marvel married Mrs. Mary Marvel. This marriage was of short duration. Vermil E. Marvel died of a heart attack in South Gate, California on June 16, 1961 and was buried in Aurora, Nebraska.

Vermil E. and Myrtle (Evans) Marvel were the parents of 4 children: Valetta Grace Marvel, an unnamed son, and twins - a boy and a girl. The last 3 children died at birth. Vermil E. and Eva (Godown) Marvel were the parents of 2 children: Roger B. and Rojean Marvel.

1213423-10 - Guy F. Marvel, tenth child of William Prettyman and Sarah (Darnell) Marvel was born May 9, 1892, in Hamilton County, Nebraska, and died January 27, 1903.

Children of Matthias and Rebecca (Marvel) Wagner

1213451 - Charles W. Wagner, first child of Matthias and Rebecca (Marvel) Wagner, was born in Vermilion County, Illinois, on August 7, 1878. He attended school in Danville, Illinois, and completed his education at Ohio Northern Union College at Ada, Ohio. He married Lucy Van Ness of McLean,

Illinois, June 3, 1907. They made their home in Giltner, Nebraska, until 1923, when they moved to Grand Island. He was associated with Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company and later served as district manager of this company. Charles Wagner was one of the highest ranking members of the Masonic Order in Nebraska. He died in Grand Island, Nebraska, September 3, 1934. He was buried in McLean, Illinois, as was Lucy E. (Van Ness) Wagner, who died in 1950.

Charles and Lucy (Van Ness) Wagner had 1 daughter: Helen M. Wagner.

1213452 - John Rufus Wagner, second child of Matthias and Rebecca (Marvel) Wagner, was born March 17, 1882. He grew to maturity on his father's farm near Giltner, Nebraska. On July 24, 1913 he married Christine Christensen. They lived on a Wagner farm near Phillips, Nebraska. J. Rufus Wagner died September 11, 1934 and was buried at Phillips, Nebraska. Christine Wagner married Mr. Mangel. She is a widow and lives in Grand Island, Nebraska. Address: 1408 West 4th Street.

J. Rufus and Christine (Christensen) Wagner had 2 sons: Robert L. and Arthur M. Wagner.

12134253 - James Matthias Wagner, third child of Matthias and Rebecca (Marvel) Wagner was born in Hamilton County, Nebraska November 26, 1885. In 1911 he accompanied his father and brother, Charles, to Illinois and attended the Barr Reunion in Waynesville. He married Jennie L. Berryman February 16, 1913. They made their home on the family farm near Phillips, Nebraska. About 1920 they moved to Pomona, California and were in the dairy business. James M. Wagner died in Pomona, California, and was buried there. Jennie Wagner lives in a convalescent home in Pomona.

James M. and Jennie (Berryman) Wagner were the parents of 2 daughters: Mary E. and Aleda M. Wagner.

12134254 - Carl Wagner, fourth child of Matthias and Rebecca (Marvel) Wagner, was born September 18, 1889 in Hamilton County, Nebraska. He was four years of age when his mother died. On February 21, 1912 he married Hazel Soward, daughter of George O. and Cordelia Soward. They made their home on the farm near Giltner, Nebraska. Carl Wagner died in Giltner February 4, 1963 and was buried in the Giltner, Nebraska cemetery. Hazel Wagner lives in Giltner.

Carl and Hazel (Soward) Wagner were the parents of 3 children: Glenna A., Warren S. and Bonnie Naomi Wagner.

12134255 - Wallace Wagner, fifth child of Matthias and Rebecca (Marvel) Wagner, was born in Hamilton County, Nebraska, September 16, 1891. On June 23, 1912 he married Ala B. Kelly. They made their home near Giltner, Nebraska. About 1920 they moved to Pomona, California, where he was a farmer. His first marriage was terminated by divorce and he married a second time. Wallace and Grace Wagner live in Pomona, California. Address: 1510 South Park Avenue.

Wallace and Ala (Kelly) Wagner had 1 daughter: Sybil Yvonne Wagner.

Children of J. Wiley and Melissa (French) Marvel

12134261 - IG Ethel Marvel, first child of J. Wiley and Melissa (French) Marvel, was born in Hamilton County, Nebraska, October 18, 1886. She lived on the family farm near Giltner until her marriage to Lewis A. Williams on March 10, 1904. He was born in Aurora, Nebraska June 12, 1882. They made their home on the farm near Aurora and later moved to Scottsbluff, Nebraska. On March 10, 1954 Lewis and IG Ethel Williams celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, with a reception at their home in Scottsbluff. They were members of the Christian Church. IG Ethel Williams died December 10, 1958 in Scottsbluff and was buried in Westlawn Cemetery, Gering, Nebraska. Mr. Lewis A. Williams lives at the family home - 1816 10th Avenue in Scottsbluff.

Lewis A. and IG Ethel (Marvel) Williams had 1 daughter: Opal Ethel Williams.

12134262 - Dora Marie Marvel, second child of J. Wiley and Melissa (French) Marvel was born October 16, 1889 in Hamilton County, Nebraska. She married Melvin Findley Campbell on September 24, 1918. They lived on their farm south of Giltner, Nebraska until Mr. Campbell's death January 7, 1940. Melvin F. Campbell was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, near Giltner. In 1941 Dora Marie Campbell sold the farm and moved to Giltner. In the summer of 1967 she moved to Aurora, Nebraska. Dora Marie Campbell is an energetic woman, active in the Christian Church and possesses a quiet charm so well known to many people.

Melvin F. and Dora Marie (Marvel) Campbell were the parents of 3 children: Dale A., Vyrl Irene and Melvin M. Campbell.

12134263 - James Algy Marvel, third child of J. Wiley and Melissa (French) Marvel, was born February 5, 1893 in Hamilton County, Nebraska. He grew to manhood on the family farm near Giltner. He married Mabel Case on September 7, 1922. They made their home with his parents and Algy operated the farm, until his father's death in 1934. Nebraska farms had suffered from drought and depressed prices so the J. Wiley Marvel land was sold. Mr. and Mrs. Algy Marvel moved to Seattle, Washington, where he worked in the postoffice. Later he was in the interior decorating business in that city. In March 1954 they returned to Nebraska to attend the golden wedding anniversary of his sister, IG Ethel Williams and Lewis Williams. J. Algy Marvel suffered a fatal heart attack and died March 14, 1954 in Scottsbluff. He was buried in Aurora, Nebraska. Mrs. Marvel continued to make her home in Seattle but later returned to Aurora, Nebraska, where she died August 26, 1960. They had no children.

Children of Stephen Douglas and Elizabeth (Kirkpatrick) Marvel

12134281 - Stephana Dorothea Marvel, first child of S. Douglas and Elizabeth Marvel, was born March 24, in Hamilton County, Nebraska. She married Charles Woodside in 1905. Her second marriage April 17, 1917 was to Frank Sullengen. They made their home in Denver, Colorado. She raised pedigreed Scotch Collies and Persian cats. About 1950 she moved to Redlands, California. Address - 1631 Ohio Street.

Charles and Stephana (Marvel) Woodside had 1 son: Marvel Woodside.

12134282 - Adeline Jemima Marvel, second child of S. Douglas and Elizabeth Marvel, was born in Hamilton County, Nebraska September 9, 1888. She moved, with her parents, to a ranch near Loveland, Colorado. On February 8, 1916 she married Arthur V. Narath. She married Frank L. Rooney on July 1, 1921. In October 1923 she and her family went to visit her mother at the ranch in the foothills of Wyoming. It was during a period of rain storms and the water came down the mountains with such force that the ranch was flooded and the stock drowned. The family escaped by climbing into the

branches of a large tree. Fourteen hours later they were rescued by neighbors in boats. When the waters receded the ranch was covered with a three foot layer of sand and silt.

Frank L. Rooney died about 1967. Adeline Rooney lives in Redlands, California, next door to her sister, Stephana Woodside.

Arthur and Adeline (Marvel) Narath had 1 daughter: Dorothy C. Narath.

12134283 - Lela Fay Marvel, third child of S. Douglas and Elizabeth Marvel was born January 16, 1889 in Hamilton County, Nebraska. She died January 31, 1908 in Loveland, Colorado, from injuries received when she fell from a horse. Burial was in Loveland, Colorado.

12134284 - John Kirkpatrick Marvel, fourth child of S. Douglas and Elizabeth Marvel, was born in Hamilton County, Nebraska, November 14, 1892. He married Ruth Gladys Liggett on January 6, 1914. For many years he operated his father's ranch near Loveland, Colorado. No further information on this family.

John K. and Roth G. (Liggett) Marvel had 1 daughter: Thelma Fauvette Marvel.

12134285 - James Lynn Marvel, fifth child of S. Douglas and Elizabeth Marvel, was born November 5, 1893, in Hamilton County, Nebraska. He went to Wyoming with his mother and later homesteaded land there. He served in aviation during World War I. J. Lynn Marvel died June 23, 1929, in Casper, Wyoming.

12134286 - Emma Fauvette Marvel, sixth child of S. Douglas and Elizabeth Marvel, was born December 12, 1895 in Hamilton County, Nebraska. She is known as "Babe", a nickname her father gave her as a baby. She married Preston Sexton on March 7, 1919. Her second marriage was to Chester Hauser. They made their home in Denver, Colorado, where Chester Hauser died about 1945 at Fitzsimmons Hospital. E. Fauvette Hauser lives in Redlands, California.

Preston and E. Fauvette (Marvel) Sexton had 1 son: Douglas Bond Sexton.

12134287 - Sherman Edward Marvel, youngest child of S. Douglas and Elizabeth Marvel, was born in Hamilton County, Nebraska March 4, 1897. As a boy he lived on the family ranch near Loveland, Colorado and later moved to Wyoming. He filed a claim on land in that state and later went into construction work. He returned to Denver, Colorado, after working in Alaska during World War II. He made his home with his sister, Fauvette Hauser. He is now retired and lives in Redlands, California.

Sherman Marvel married Edyth Patricia Kane in 1931. This marriage was ended by divorce about 1950. Edyth Marvel returned to Montana and graduated from college in Billings, with a degree in education. She taught school in Cody and Cheyenne, Wyoming, before moving to Denver, Colorado, where she is now teaching.

Sherman E. and Edyth (Kane) Marvel were the parents of twin sons: Joseph and John Marvel.

Children of John S. and Mary (Bedell) Marvel

12134291 - Archie Douglas Marvel, first child of John S. and Mary Marvel, was born in Hamilton County, Nebraska, May 26, 1892. He graduated from Hastings College in 1912 and later served as a trustee of this institution for many years. In 1913 and 1914 he attended Harvard Law School. He married Ruth Capps October 19, 1915. She died November 7, 1920. On September 12, 1925, he married Elizabeth Ellen Newell. In 1925 Archie Marvel was admitted to the Nebraska State Bar Association. He served as Vice-President of the National Bank of Hastings, Nebraska from 1926 to 1931. After 1931 he became President of General Credit Corporation, and was a member of the Nebraska Association Personal Finance Companies. The Marvels were members of the Presbyterian Church in Hastings. Archie Marvel was a member of the Masonic Order, Shrine and Scottish Rite bodies. He was also a member of the Kiwanis and Elks Clubs.

Archie D. Marvel died August 4, 1963 in Hastings, Nebraska, and was buried there.

Archie D. and Ruth (Capps) Marvel were the parents of 2 sons: Richard D. and Robert J. Marvel. Archie D. and Elizabeth (Newell) Marvel had 2 children: Marilyn and John N. Marvel.

12134292 - Iva Florence Marvel, second child of John S. and Mary Marvel, was born August 27, 1893 in Hamilton County, Nebraska. She graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan University in 1914 and the following year graduated from the School of Music. She taught German and Commerce in high school for six years. She married Marshall Logan October 3, 1923. In 1942 she married Arthur Rehberg. Iva F. (Marvel) Rehberg died December 25, 1960 in Inglewood, California and was buried in Inglewood Park Cemetery. She had no children.

12134293 - Amy Inez Marvel, third child of John S. and Mary Marvel was born in Hamilton County, Nebraska November 5, 1895 and died February 1, 1897.

12134294 - Orrie Bedell Marvel, fourth child of John S. and Mary Marvel was born January 26, 1898 in Hamilton County, Nebraska. He enlisted in the US Army April 9, 1917 during his senior year in Hastings High School. He was in the Argonne district when the Armistice was signed. After his discharge from the Army in 1919 he attended University of Nebraska. He married Vera Reed at Crawford, Nebraska on May 31, 1921. She was born in Farragut, Iowa, October 8, 1897. Mr. and Mrs. Marvel moved to Inglewood, California and later made their home in Manhattan Beach. Orrie B. Marvel died May 26, 1962 and was buried in Redondo Beach, California. Mrs. Marvel makes her home in Manhattan Beach.

Orrie B. and Vera (Reed) Marvel were the parents of 2 sons: Lyle V. and Donald E. Marvel.

12134295 - John Benjamin Marvel, fifth child of John S. and Mary Marvel, was born May 26, 1900 in Hamilton County, Nebraska. He was killed in an automobile accident May 5, 1918 and was buried in Parkview Cemetery, Hastings, Nebraska.

1234296 - Claude Elwin Marvel, sixth child of John S. and Mary Marvel was born March 12, 1903 in Hamilton County, Nebraska. He married Helen Sutton in Sargent, Nebraska on July 16, 1925. They made their home in Los Angeles, California, where he was a tool and dye foreman. They were members of the Methodist Church. Claude E. Marvel died in Los Angeles, November 3, 1957 and was buried in Rosehills Cemetery, Whittier, California.

Claude E. and Helen (Sutton) Marvel had 1 daughter: Yvonne Marvel.

12134297 - Laurence Roosevelt Marvel, twin, seventh child of John S. and Mary Marvel was born in Hastings, Nebraska, February 28, 1906. He graduated from Manual Arts High School, Los Angeles, California, and returned to Hastings, Nebraska, to attend college. He married Florence Broyles in Los Angeles, California. During World War II Laurence R. Marvel served two years in the US Army. He is a supervisor for Wilson and Company in Los Angeles. They are members of the Methodist Church. They have no children.

12134298 - Laurene Alice Marvel, twin, eighth child of John S. and Mary Marvel was born February 28, 1906 in Hastings, Nebraska. She graduated from Manual Arts High School, Los Angeles, California in 1923. She was interested in dramatics, studied at University of California and graduated from Mafer School of Acting in 1925. She married Lyall H. Riffe in 1925. They live in Inglewood, California. Address: 1039 Rosewood Avenue.

Lyall H. and Laurene (Marvel) Riffe are the parents of 4 children: Dudley H., Stanley M. and twins - Laurence W. and Lyall Howard Riffe.

12134299 - Lela Pauline Marvel, ninth child of John S. and Mary Marvel, was born December 26, 1909 in Hastings, Nebraska. She attended school in Hastings and in Los Angeles, California, as her parents maintained homes in both cities. She graduated from University of Nebraska with majors in English and Dramatics. On August 7, 1932 she married J. Russell Joynt in Hastings, Nebraska. During the years of World War II they made their home in Inglewood, California. Later they returned to Lincoln, Nebraska, where Mr. Joynt is President of Blue-Joynt Realty Company. They are members of the Methodist Church.

J. Russell and Lela (Marvel) Joynt are the parents of 2 children: Stephen and Janis Marvel.

GRANDCHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND NANCY (MARVEL) TEAL

Children of John T. and Fannie (Garrett) Teal

12134311 - Daisy Bell Teal, first child of John T. and Fannie Teal, was born near Midland City, Illinois in 1874. She received her education in the DeWitt County schools and

attended Brown's Business College in Decatur, Illinois. In 1895 she married Laurence Morris of Clinton, Illinois. He was born in 1868 and was the son of Harrison and -- (Weldon) Morris. They lived on a farm near Clinton until 1905, when they bought a farm west of Webster City, Iowa. They were members of the Christian Church. Daisy (Teal) Morris died in Webster City, Iowa, in 1958 and Lawrence Morris died two years later. They were buried in Webster City, Iowa.

Laurence and Daisy (Teal) Morris had 1 son: Kenneth Cleland Morris.

12134312 - Asa Adell Teal, second child of John T. and Fannie Teal, was born in DeWitt County, Illinois. He graduated from Waynesville Academy and attended Brown's Business College in Decatur. On September 11, 1901 he married Jesse Rae Smith, daughter of Professor W. H. Smith of the Waynesville Academy. They made their home in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Jessie (Smith) Teal died May 15, 1963 and Asa A. Teal died July 15, 1963. They were buried in Webster City, Iowa. They had no children.

12134313 - Myra Mason Teal, third child of John T. and Fannie Teal, was born in DeWitt County, Illinois April 8, 1879. She attended the neighborhood school and Waynesville Academy. On March 15, 1904 she married Joseph E. Barr, son of Thomas and Nancy J. (Garrett) Barr. They lived on their farm in DeWitt County until they bought land near Webster City, Iowa. Myra (Teal) Barr died there November 26, 1954 and was buried in Webster City, Iowa. They had no children.

12134314 - William Preston Teal, fourth child of John T. and Fannie Teal, was born May 18, 1881 near Midland City, Illinois. He attended Taber school and graduated from Waynesville Academy. January 15, 1902 he married Susan Belle Hammitt, daughter of Martin and Sarah (Andrews) Hammitt in Waynesville, Illinois. She was born June 13, 1881 in McLean County, Illinois. Mr. Teal was in the real estate business in Stratford, Iowa; Madison, Wisconsin and Minneapolis, Minnesota. For seventeen years the Teals farmed in Bicker County, Minnesota. During World War II he worked with Clinton Anderson, Secretary of Agriculture, and Fiorello LaGuardia, Food Administrator and Mayor of New York, sending wheat from the Red River Valley of North Dakota, to Europe. In 1950 Mr. and Mrs. Teal retired to Diamond, Missouri, where they had an acreage so they could maintain their interest in the soil. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary January 15, 1952, and their sixtieth wedding anniversary in 1962. In 1964 Mr. and Mrs. William P.

Teal moved to Blythesdale, Missouri. Their garden, containing flowers and vegetables, was outstanding. William P. Teal died in 1968 and was buried in Webster City, Iowa.

William P. and S. Belle (Hammitt) Teal had 1 son: Clarence William Teal.

12134315 - Grace Elizabeth Teal, fifth child of John T. and Fannie Teal, was born July 31, 1885 near Midland City, Illinois. She attended Tabor school and the Waynesville Academy. In 1905 she moved to Webster City, Iowa with her parents. On August 12, 1908 she married William B. Stearns of Webster City. They made their home on their farm south of town. Grace (Teal) Stearns died in Webster City, Iowa October 7, 1934 and was buried there.

William B. and Grace (Teal) Stearns were the parents of 6 children: John W., Frank W., Marjorie M., Fannie E., Ralph L., and William E. Stearns.

12134316 - Bertha Ellen Teal, youngest child of John T. and Fannie Teal, was born near Midland City, Illinois on May 28, 1888. She was a student of the Waynesville Academy when her parents moved to Iowa. She graduated from Webster City High School and attended Des Moines College. She became a teacher in Webster City, Iowa and later in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In 1967 she returned to Iowa and lives in a convalescent home in the Webster City Vicinity.

Children of Henry M. and Ida (Robb) Teal

12134321 - Mantie Maud Teal, first child of Henry and Ida Teal, was born near Waynesville, Illinois April 16, 1878. She married Clinton Bowen of Mechanicsburg, Ohio, on April 18, 1896. They lived in North Lewisburg, Ohio until the fall of 1901. They returned to Waynesville, Illinois because of Mrs. Bowen's health. She died April 22, 1902 and was buried in Union Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois.

Clinton and Mantie Maud (Teal) Bowen were the parents of 2 children: Ida E. and George H. Bowen.

12134322 - Lillian May Teal, second child of Henry and Ida Teal, was born January 5, 1880, near Waynesville, Illinois. She married LeRoy A. Higgs May 4, 1903. Lillian (Teal) Higgs died March 4, 1908 and was buried in Union Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois. They had no children.

12134323 - Chester Maurice Teal, third child of Henry and Ida Teal was born December 30, 1881 near Waynesville, Illinois. He was about ten years of age when the family returned to Waynesville to live, after being in California and Louisiana. June 6, 1903, he married Gertrude Sampson, daughter of William Martin and Rebecca (Dunham) Sampson. They made their home in Waynesville, where Chester M. Teal sold farm machinery and automobiles. During this time he served as a director of the Waynesville Township High School. In 1922 they moved to Clinton, where he had a car agency. They retired in Zephyrhills, Florida, where he was killed in an automobile-train accident December 19, 1949. He was buried at Zephyrhills. Gertrude Teal died there April 17, 1954.

Chester M. and Gertrude (Sampson) Teal had 1 son: Glenn M. Teal.

12134324 - Joseph M. Teal, fourth child of Henry and Ida Teal was born near Waynesville, Illinois February 21, 1884. He was three years of age when his parents sold their Illinois land and moved to a fruit farm near Selma, California. When his father was killed in 1891 in Lake Charles, Louisiana he returned to Illinois with his mother. They lived in Midland City and later moved to Waynesville. May 17, 1905 he married Nettie Brown, daughter of William and Millisa (Moore) Brown. She died February 3, 1907, leaving a baby daughter, Dorothy Madeline Teal, born January 17, 1907. The baby died August 1, 1907. On June 6, 1910 Joseph M. Teal married Lina Ethel Finfrock, daughter of Bowen C. and Eliza (Robb) Finfrock. Lina (Finfrock) Teal died at Tabor, Illinois on December 24, 1915, following the birth of twins Joseph Henry and Helen Esther Teal. They were born December 15, 1915. Joseph M. Teal and Florence Miller were married in Bloomington, Illinois August 23, 1916. They lived in Waynesville, where he was in the mercantile business. Mr. Teal later returned to farming, buying land in Barnett Township, southeast of Waynesville, Illinois. They are members of the Methodist Church in Waynesville, where Mr. Teal was a member of the choir for many years. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary August 23, 1966 with a reception at the Waynesville Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Teal have a mobile home in Zephyrhills, Florida and spend their winters in the warmer climate. Joseph Teal is a member of the choir of the Zephyrhills Methodist Church during the winter season. Florence (Miller) Teal, wife of Joseph M. Teal, died July 8, 1969 in Clinton, Illinois. She was buried in Union Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois.

Joseph M. and Florence (Miller) Teal were the parents of 4 girls: Lois M., Betty J., Dorothy M. and Geraldine Teal.

12134325 - Florence Mabel Teal, fifth child of Henry and Ida Teal, was born October 6, 1886 near Waynesville, Illinois. She grew to womanhood in Waynesville. She married Howard A. Thayer on May 25, 1911. He was the son of Harry and Laura (Mason) Thayer and was born in McLean, Illinois April 6, 1882. They made their home in Peoria, Illinois. Howard A. Thayer died in March 1964 and was buried in Union Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois. Mrs. Thayer makes her home in Peoria.

Howard A. and Florence (Teal) Thayer had 2 sons: Henry A. and Rex T. Thayer.

12134326 - Nellie Myrtle Teal, sixth child of Henry and Ida Teal, was born January 15, 1889 near Selma, Fresno County, California. She was two years of age when her father was killed and the family returned to Illinois to live. On November 24, 1904 she married Leslie Price, son of James H. and Sarah (McKee) Price. Leslie Price died February 28, 1907. October 3, 1909 Nellie (Teal) Price married James Buck. He was the son of Oliver H. and Hannah (Hammitt) Buck. They made their home in Waynesville, where Mr. Buck was an electrician. James Buck died of a heart attack in November 1947 and was buried in Union Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois.

Leslie and Nellie (Teal) Price had 1 son: Rupert M. Price. James and Nellie (Teal) Buck had 2 children: Oliver H. and Florence A. Buck.

Children of Wiley M. and Clara (Wilson) Teal
Child of Wiley M. and Elizabeth (Holt) Teal

12134331 - Dora M. Teal, first child of Wiley and Clara Teal was born May 22, 1880 and died the following day.

12134332 - Lester M. Teal, only son of Wiley and Clara Teal, was born near Waynesville, Illinois July 12, 1881. He married Nellie Shepard Baker, daughter of John and Frances (Leland) Baker on December 18, 1902. Lester M. Teal was a successful farmer, owning a farm south of Waynesville. In 1918 the family moved to Alamosa, Colorado, where he had an automobile agency. Mr. Teal retired and they returned to Illinois and made their home in Clinton. He retained his interest in farming by looking after Mrs. Teal's land east of Waynesville. Mr. and

Mrs. Lester M. Teal celebrated their golden wedding anniversary December 18, 1952 and also celebrated their sixtieth anniversary. Nellie (Baker) Teal died March 25, 1965 at St. Joseph Hospital in Bloomington, Illinois.

After the death of his wife, Mr. Teal sold the home in Clinton and resided at Sun Valley Lodge, Sun Valley, Arizona. His son, Leland B. Teal and wife, live in the new retirement city, Sun Valley. Lester M. Teal died January 12, 1968 at Mountain View Pioneer Hospital, Youngstown, Arizona. He was buried in Union Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois, as was Nellie Teal.

Lester M. and Nellie (Baker) Teal were the parents of 3 children: Frances M., Grace L. and Leland B. Teal.

12134333 - Ray Holt Teal, only child of Wiley and Elizabeth Teal, was born on the Teal homestead near Waynesville, Illinois January 3, 1912. He graduated from Tabor School, Beason Community High School and University of Illinois. He received his Master's degree in Agricultural Economics from University of Illinois in 1937. The following year he accepted a position in the farm mortgage department of the Equitable Life Assurance Society in the home office in New York City. In the fall of 1938 he moved to Cedar Falls, Iowa to serve as manager of 225 central Iowa farms with the same company. The depression years was a critical era. Many farmers were unable to make the interest payments on their farm loans and oftentimes it became necessary for the lending organizations to provide management. Ten years later the family moved to the Teal homestead, south of Waynesville. In February 1950 they moved to Corvallis, Oregon, where Mr. Teal serves as Agricultural Economist with the Extension Service of Oregon State University.

Ray H. Teal married Marion Elizabeth Pederson on January 15, 1938 in the Little Church Around the Corner in New York. She was born May 13, 1912 in Davenport, Iowa, the daughter of Jens Christian and Marie (Alberts) Pederson. Marion P. Teal graduated from University of Illinois in 1935 in the School of Journalism. While living on the Teal homestead Mrs. Teal wrote "The Earth Is Ours". This book was published by Crowell Publishing Company of New York. She has worked as a reporter and feature writer for a number of newspapers and is presently on the staff of The Corvallis Gazette Times in Corvallis, Oregon, where they make their home. Address: 1415 Forest Drive.

Ray H. and Marion (Peterson) Teal were the parents of 2 sons: David J. and Stephen W. Teal.

GRANDCHILDREN OF IRA F. AND CYNTHIA (MARVEL) ARMSTRONG

Children of George and Miranda (Armstrong) Francis

12134541 - Carrie M. Francis, oldest child of George and Miranda Francis, was born October 18, 1881. She married Louis G. Winthers on January 26, 1910. Carrie (Francis) Winthers died at her home in Lockport, Illinois on August 30, 1920.

Louis and Carrie (Francis) Winthers had 1 son: Spencer George Winthers.

12134542 - William Spencer Francis, second child of George and Miranda Francis, was born February 7, 1886. He grew to manhood on the family farm near Palmer, Iowa. He married Mollie Ljungren January 3, 1912. He assumed the operation of the family farm and still lives on his land. Mr. and Mrs. Francis celebrated their golden wedding anniversary January 3, 1962.

William and Mollie (Ljungren) Francis had 5 children: Donald S., Earl W., Dorothy M., Evelyn E. and Delores L. Francis.

12134543 - Harry Eugene Francis, third child of George and Miranda Francis, was born August 11, 1890. He married Ida A. Anderson on September 20, 1910. In 1925 he worked in the oil fields in Texas. He came to Palmer, Iowa at the time of his mother's death in 1929 and returned to Texas a short time later. No further information available.

Harry E. and Ida (Anderson) Francis had 3 children: Fern M., Lloyd M. and Leona Francis.

1213544 - Charley R. Francis, fourth child of George and Miranda Francis, was born March 13, 1893. He married Ethel Lockard on March 3, 1919. They made their home in Palmer, Iowa, where he was a stock buyer. Death date of Charley R. Francis not available.

Charley E. and Ethel (Lockard) Francis had 3 children: Russell, George W. and Erla Mae Francis.

Child of Andrew J. and Winnie (Armstrong) Kemp

12134571 - Ira Anderson Kemp, only child of Andrew and Winnie Kemp, was born December 23, 1889 in Texas Township, DeWitt County, Illinois. June 11, 1916 he married Anna Laura Wene, daughter of Perry and Lillian M. (Cox) Wene. They made their home with his parents, on their farm three miles east of Kenney. Ira Kemp helped with the farm work and was a good mechanic and electrician. During World War II new machinery was not available and Mr. Kemp helped many farmers keep their equipment in operation. Mr. Kemp was a teacher in the DeWitt County schools. She died June 29, 1942. Ira Kemp continued to live on the home place. His son, Percy and family, came to live with him. Mr. and Mrs. Kemp were members of the Methodist Church. He was a member of the Masonic Order. Ira A. Kemp died January 27, 1958 and was buried in Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Kenney, Illinois, as was his wife.

Ira A. and Anna L. (Wene) Kemp were the parents of 5 children: Dolly (died in infancy), Willie M., Ethel I. (died in infancy), Ira J. and Percy L. Kemp.

GRANDCHILDREN OF JOHN AND LAVINA (MARVEL) ARMSTRONG

Children of Henry and Florence (Hornbeck) Armstrong

12134621 - Edith Ray Armstrong, first child of Henry and Flora Armstrong, was born at Waynesville, Illinois, March 5, 1880. She was married at Washington, Illinois to Dean A. Stormer, son of Conrad and Nancy J. (Nolan) Stormer. They lived in Washington, and later Tremont, where Mr. Stormer had an agricultural implement agency. About 1915 they moved to Peoria, Illinois. Mrs. Stormer had a cosmetic business, making "Lilac Lady" toilet goods, which were sold by the leading department stores. No further information available.

Dean A. and Edith (Armstrong) Stormer had 2 children: Viola and Raymond Stormer.

12134622 - Mabel May Armstrong, second child of Henry and Flora (Nornbeck) Armstrong, was born at Waynesville, Illinois,

November 23, 1881. After graduating from high school, she attended Northwestern University. On April 4, 1901 she was married in Washington, Illinois to Paul DeWitt Hance, son of Henry and Mary E. (Emery) Hance. Paul Hance was born in Chicago, Illinois December 25, 1875. In 1907 Paul Hance became a manual arts teacher in the Elgin, Illinois, school system. No further information available.

Paul D. and Mabel (Armstrong) Hance had 2 sons: Paul D. Hance, Jr. and Francis H. Hance.

12134623 - Percival Draper Armstrong, third child of Henry and Flora Armstrong, was born November 3, 1883 in Waynesville, Illinois. He was married in Elgin, Illinois on November 1, 1924 to Mary Elizabeth McClure, daughter of Mrs. Charles E. McClure. P. D. Armstrong was an electrical engineer in Evanston, Illinois. After their marriage they lived in Waukegan, Illinois. He was a salesman for power plant equipment and she was a teacher in the city school system. No further information available.

Child of William and Mary (Loer) Armstrong

12134641 - John Dennis Armstrong, only child of William F. and Mary Armstrong, was born in Hamilton County, Nebraska, on August 29, 1884. He was ten years of age when his parents moved to Peoria, Illinois. He married Nellie E. Weber of Washington, Illinois on June 27, 1907. John Armstrong was a machinist and later became a partner in the Crown Foundry. The John Armstrongs owned a home near his parents in Peoria. Later they built a new home in East Peoria, overlooking the Illinois River. When they could no longer care for their home they moved to the Proctor Nursing Home in Peoria. They enjoyed making trips to Waynesville, Illinois to see relatives and made many local visits to friends and relatives. John D. Armstrong died at the Proctor Nursing Home February 23, 1967. Mrs. Armstrong preceded him in death. They were buried in Washington Cemetery, Washington, Illinois. They had no children.

Children of Douglas and Ella (Armstrong) Yeakel

121346-10-1 - Earl Douglas Yeakel, first child of Douglas and Ella Yeakel, was born December 9, 1891 and died at birth.

121346-10-2 - Kirby Armstrong Yeakel, second child of Douglas and Ella Yeakel, was born in Waynesville, Illinois, March 12, 1893. He graduated from Waynesville Academy and attended James Millikin University at Decatur, Illinois. He served in the United States Army during World War I from May 25, 1917 to September 9, 1919. One year of this time was spent in France and Germany. On December 2, 1923 he married Sarah Alice Cooper, daughter of William and Alice Viola (Yost) Cooper. They made their home in Waynesville, where he was in the dairy business. A bench used in the barn had unusual significance. It had been used by his grandmother as a school desk. Prettyman Marvel, Jr. had this desk built for his children. It was about seven feet long and two and one-half feet wide, with a shelf beneath as a receptacle for school books. When the children passed school age Rebecca Marvel used it for a work bench. Within a few years Kirby Yeakel became a rural mail carrier, serving until his retirement in March 1963. He was a member of the Masonic Order and Mrs. Yeakel a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. They were members of the Waynesville Methodist Church. Mr. Yeakel was interested in wood working and built a boat, which they enjoyed using. They enjoyed vacations in Florida and were looking forward to traveling more extensively when he retired. Alice (Cooper) Yeakel died of a heart attack at the home in Waynesville, Illinois, April 10, 1963 and was buried in Union Cemetery. Later Kirby Yeakel sold his home in Waynesville, and moved to an apartment in Clinton, Illinois. He spends the winters in Florida.

Kirby A. and S. Alice (Cooper) Yeakel were the parents of 3 children: Wilma Lee (died in infancy), William C. and Waunita J. Yeakel.

GRANDCHILDREN OF PRETTYMAN AND PERMELIA (MALONE) MARVEL

Children of George and Eliza (Marvel) Gillett

12134731 - William Gillett, oldest child of George and Eliza Gillett, was born in 1877, probably in central Illinois. He moved to Canada with his parents. No further information was available on this family when Ella Yeakel wrote the Marvel History in 1925 and this is still true.

12134732 - Martha Gillett, born in 1879.

12134733 - Ida Gillett, born in 1881 - married --Gardner.

12134734 - James Gillett, born in 1883.

12134735 - John Gillett, born in 1885.

12134736 - Ella Gillett, born in 1887.

12134737 - Juanita Gillett, born in 1889.

12134738 - Lydia Gillett, born in 1891.

Child of Dr. Isaac C. and S. Elizabeth (Marvel) Morse

12134751 - Nellie Morse, only child of Dr. Isaac C. and S. Elizabeth Morse, was born September 14, 1885 in Aurora, Nebraska. She was educated in the schools of Atlanta, Illinois. She married George L. Metcalf in Longmont, Colorado. They moved to Los Angeles, California, where Nellie (Morse) Metcalf died in December 1918. They had no children.

Child of G. Henry and Rhoda (Johnson) Marvel

12134761 - Forest Elmer Marvel, only child of G. Henry and Rhoda Marvel, was born November 3, 1892 in Nebraska. He graduated from Fullerton High School in 1916. During World War I he served in the Commissary Department at Greenville, South Carolina. He graduated from the University of Illinois School of Pharmacy in Chicago. He worked as a druggist in that city. No further information available.

Children of D. Lewis and Stella (Marvel) Lawson

12134781 - John Leonard Lawson, first child of Lewis and Stella Lawson, was born December 13, 1901 near Palmer, Nebraska. In 1910 he went to Canada with his parents, where they lived on a wheat ranch near Carstairs, Alberta Province. In 1913 they returned to Nebraska and settled near Sutherland. He married Hildred Leona McClellan on January 22, 1921. He was employed by the Light and Water Company of Trenton, Nebraska until March 1923, when he became General Superintendent of the Ray Electric and Telephone Company of Ray, Arizona. When Coolidge Dam was dedicated in 1929 Mr. Lawson was in charge of relaying the program over the twenty-five mile transmission line to Hayden, where it was transferred to the telephone line for the National Broadcasting Company. Mrs. Lawson and his sister, Mae Lawson, met Will Rogers, famous movie star and comedian, and accompanied him to the ceremonies at the Dam. In 1931 the Leonard Lawson family moved to

Phoenix, where he managed the appliance department of the Korrick Department Store. In 1937 he became the Frigidaire representative for the northern half of Arizona. Three years later he and two partners incorporated the Lawson Refrigeration Company. They sold Frigidaire air conditioning and commercial refrigeration equipment. They sold this lucrative business ten years later. In 1952 they moved to San Diego, California, where he was property manager for a trust company. Mrs. Lawson was office manager of a linen and diaper service until 1959, when she became public relations supervisor of San Diego County for the National Institute of Diaper Services. In 1961 they moved to Payson, Arizona, where they manage a motel.

Leonard Lawson can reflect on the changes in transportation. As a boy he had driven horses on the family farm and enjoyed the power of his first automobile. He had thrilled to the tales of his grandfather, Prettyman Marvel, concerning his 1859 trip to the goldfields of Colorado, when oxen pulled their covered wagons. By 1945 Leonard Lawson was pilot of his own plane and in a few hours flew over the area Prettyman, Jr. and Rebecca Marvel had spent months traveling a few hundred miles with their oxen and two-wheeled cart.

J. Leonard and Holdred (McClellan) Lawson had 2 daughters: Donna G. and Verona B. Lawson.

12134782 - Walter Leland Lawson, second child of Lewis and Stella Lawson, was born July 24, 1903 near Palmer, Nebraska. In 1910 he went to Bickleton, Washington with his parents and later on to Canada. He and his brother rode horseback to school, a distance of two and one-half miles. In 1913 he came to Sutherland, Nebraska with his parents. He married Marie Lamb. Leland Lawson worked as a fireman on the Union Pacific Railroad. In 1927 they moved to Arizona, where he worked for the Utility Company of Superior. His marriage ended in divorce and on March 27, 1937 W. Leland Lawson married Blanche Louise Copelan. He was known to family members as "Bud". They made their home in Miami, Arizona, where W. Leland Lawson died March 14, 1968. He was buried in Pinal Cemetery, Miami, Arizona. Mrs. Blanche Lawson lives in Miami where she has a dress shop.

W. Leland and Marie (Lamb) Lawson were the parents of 4 children: Loretta B., Raymond L., Maurgrette M. and David L. Lawson. W. Leland and Blanche (Copelan) Lawson were the parents of 2 children: Walter L. and Stella A. Lawson.

12134783 - Estella Mae Lawson, third child of Lewis and Stella Lawson, was born in Bickleton, Washington August 5, 1910. When she was about two months old her parents went to Canada, but returned to Nebraska a few years later. She grew to womanhood in the Sutherland, Nebraska area. On December 12, 1931 she married Charles E. Wilson. He was a clerk for the Union Pacific Railroad and is now retired. They lived in western Nebraska towns until they were transferred to St. James, Minnesota. In 1944 they were transferred to Grand Island, Nebraska. Mae Wilson worked in the office of the Union Pacific Credit Union for many years. Since leaving the Lakeview Nursing home in 1968 Stella May Lawson has made her home with the Wilsons. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson built a new home in Grand Island. Address 211 East 20th Street.

Charles and E. Mae (Lawson) Wilson had 3 children: Charlene, Douglas L. and K. Grace Wilson.

12134784 - Olive Grace Lawson, youngest child of Lewis and Stella Lawson, was born near Carstairs, Alberta Province, Canada, on August 29, 1912. The following year her parents returned to Nebraska and settled near Sutherland. On October 14, 1935 she married Clarence A. McCormick. They live on their farm near Paxton, Nebraska and have extensive land holdings in the area.

Clarence and O. Grace (Lawson) McCormick had 4 children: Lewis A., Sharon M., Kellie Clarence and Gary L. McCormick.

GRANDCHILDREN OF MARTIN AND REBECCA (MARVEL) LOER

Children of Thomas E. and Annie (Mitchell) Loer

12134811 - Rebecca Frances Loer, oldest child of Thomas and Annie Loer, was born in McLennan County, Texas September 23, 1887. She married Dallas Fisher in Hamilton County, Texas on November 3, 1907. He was born in Milano County, Texas February 26, 1866.

Dallas and Rebecca (Loer) Fisher were the parents of 8 children: Ida M., Beatrice, Robert, unnamed child (died in infancy), Ernest, Eunice, James (died in infancy) and Leota F. Loer.

12134812 - Leota Marie Loer, second child of Thomas and Annie Loer, was born January 9, 1890 in Pickings County, Chickasaw Nation, Oklahoma Territory. On January 19, 1908 she married George Mack Dooley of Jonesboro, Texas. They made their home in Texas for several years and then moved to California. Leota (Loer) Fisher died November 25, 1965 in Turlock, California.

George and Leota (Loer) Dooley were the parents of 8 children: Lucile E., Howard T., George M., Jr., Marguerite, Frances M., J. C. and Leota L. Dooley.

12134813 - Martin Allen Loer, third child of Thomas and Annie Loer was born August 18, 1891 in Pickings County, Oklahoma Territory and died in infancy.

12134814 - Ester Lee Loer, fourth child of Thomas and Annie Loer, was born March 25, 1894 in Mineral Wells, Palo Pinto County, Texas. On February 14, 1915 she married Everett T. White in Williamson County, Texas. He died October 24, 1918.

Everett and Ester (Loer) White were the parents of 2 daughters: Leota L. and Lorene L. White. The last named died in infancy.

12134815 - Katherine Loer, fifth child of Thomas and Annie Loer, was born in Mineral Wells, Palo Pinto County, Texas. She married Doyle Miller in Milam County, Texas in 1914.

Doyle and Katherine (Loer) Miller were the parents of 7 children: Annie L., John T., Adrian D., Donald E. (died in infancy), Stella B., Rebecca F., Kenneth L. and Delenor Ray Miller.

12134816 - George Mitchell Loer, youngest child of Thomas and Annie Loer, was born December 30, 1899 in Mineral Wells, Texas. He married Maudie Barton on May 29, 1920 in Coryell County, Texas.

George and Maudie (Barton) Loer were the parents of 8 children: Annie L., George M., Jr., Alphine, J. W., Eugene M., Mary C., Lois J. and Cois Wayne Loer.

Child of William and Mary (Loer) Armstrong

John Dennis Armstrong - see #12134641.

Children of William P. and Alphine (Hedrick) Loer

12134831 - Clyde E. Loer, first child of William and Alphine Loer, was born in Peoria, Illinois September 30, 1891. He served in World War I and was given a medical discharge. Clyde E. Loer died November 5, 1919.

12134832 - Donald Hedrick Loer, second child of William and Alphine Loer, was born November 26, 1895 in Peoria, Illinois. He married Effie Stewart on July 26, 1916. He enlisted in the United States Army on April 26, 1917. He was rejected for overseas service in World War I, due to a heart condition. He received his discharge February 26, 1919. Donald Loer died - date not given.

Donald and Effie (Stewart) Loer were the parents of 4 children: Alphine R., twins - Doris Mae and Dorothy Jean (both died in infancy) and Betty Ferne Loer.

12134833 - Bernice Rebecca Loer, third child of William and Alphine Loer, was born October 4, 1894 and died November 25, 1894.

12134834 - Zulla I. Loer, fourth child of William and Alphine Loer, was born November 5, 1897 in Peoria, Illinois. She married Lester Neal on April 15, 1916.

Lester and Zulla (Loer) Neal were the parents of 2 sons: William and Lester Neal, Jr.

12134835 - William Patterson Loer, Jr., fifth child of William and Alphine Loer was born April 22, 1900 and died May 2, 1900.

12134836 - Doris Alphine Loer, sixth child of William and Alphine Loer, was born June 15, 1901 in Peoria, Illinois. She married John Brown January 12, 1920. Doris (Loer) Brown died March 20, 1921, following childbirth.

John and Doris (Loer) Brown had 1 daughter: Opal R. Brown.

12134837 - George Marvel Loer, seventh child of William and Alphine Loer, was born May 28, 1903 and died October 26, 1909.

12134838 - Albert Stewart Loer, eighth child of William and Alphine Loer, was born May 2, 1905 and died August 7, 1905.

12134839 - Lulu Rae Loer, ninth child of William and Alphine Loer, was born March 7, 1908 in Peoria, Illinois. She married Louis M. Smith on January 23, 1924. Lulu Rae (Loer) Smith died June 26, 1938.

Louis M. and Lulu Rae (Loer) Smith had 2 sons: Louis M., Jr. and Donald M. Smith.

Child of George M. and Frances (Jones) Loer

12134841 - Marvel Jones Loer, only child of George M. and Frances Loer, was born September 19, 1897 in Kansas City, Missouri. No further information available.

Children of Earnest and Louise (Nedrow) Loer

12134851 - William Orson Loer, son of Earnest and Louise Loer was born in Peoria, Illinois. During World War I he was in the 33rd Division of the United States Army. He participated in the battles of St. Mihiel, Muse and Argonne while overseas. On September 15, 1920 he married Gladys Hurshburger. They made their home in St. Louis, Missouri and still live in that area.

William O. and Gladys (Hurshburger) Loer had 1 son: Francis Loer.

12134852 - Ruth Loer, daughter of Earnest and Louise Loer, was born in Peoria, Illinois. She married Ray Evans on August 7, 1920. They made their home in Prospect Heights, Illinois. Ruth (Loer) Evans died about 1950.

Ray and Ruth (Loer) Evans were the parents of 3 children: Helen Evans and names not given for the other two.

Children of William and Bereneice (Loer) Ewing

12134861 - Leota Marvel Ewing, first child of William and Bereneice Ewing, was born November 15, 1894 in Peoria, Illinois. When her parents went to Oklahoma Territory in 1902 she remembered some of their unusual experiences. After they were settled in their new home they were visited by the

Indians. Little Leota was an attractive blonde, blue-eyed child and when they heard Mrs. Ewing call her by name, the Indian braves formed a circle around the child, and then sat cross-legged on the floor. Mrs. Ewing was alarmed, lest the Indians were planning to scalp Leota. The Indian Chief explained their legend of the beautiful yellow haired Indian Princess Leota and the Ewing girl was the incarnation of their Princess. The Indian Chief asked permission to buy the girl. When Mrs. Ewing refused, the Indians left the cabin quietly and always had great reverence for Leota and her family.

On April 8, 1920 Leota Ewing married Maurice Hull in Marshalltown, Iowa. A few years later they moved to the Milwaukee, Wisconsin area. Mr. Hull was associated with International Harvester Company. From 1936 to 1939 they lived in Dusseldorf, Germany where he was director of plant operations. This was during the time of Hitler's rise to power and they saw some of the atrocities committed. During the summer of 1939 they returned to Wisconsin. One week after their return to Dusseldorf they were evacuated. Mr. Hull telephoned Leota to drive the car to the International Harvester office at once, as he and two other Americans felt it was dangerous to remain in Germany. Fortunately Leota kept a bag packed for such an emergency and was able to leave immediately. By the time the four persons reached the Belgium border, guards were stationed there and were starting to requisition cars. One of the men had brought his golf clubs from the office. They convinced the guards they were going into Belgium to play golf, as the following day was a holiday. During their stay in Belgium they always carried gas masks with them. Within the month they learned ship passage was available if they could reach England. Thus they returned to their home in Wisconsin.

Maurice Hull was losing his eyesight, due to glaucoma, and soon became blind. He invented many gadgets to aid him in performing daily tasks. When International Harvester employees returned from World War II, blinded and badly wounded, the Hulls took them into their home. Maurice Hull would invent some mechanical device to help them.

American Manufacturers Association honored Maurice Hull at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York. They had a showing of the devices he had invented and demonstrated their service to the handicapped. Later Raymond Massey portrayed Maurice Hull in a one-hour radio show.

Leota (Ewing) Hull died August 12, 1960 and was buried in Highland Memorial Park, Waukesha County, Wisconsin. She was a patient, loving person, always thinking of and helping others. Maurice Hull lives near Milwaukee and spends much of the time at his summer home in Eagle, Wisconsin.

Maurice and Leota (Ewing) Hull had 2 sons: Harrison E., and Gilbert B. Hull.

12134862 - Howard R. Ewing, second child of William and Bereneice Ewing, was born July 6, 1896 in Peoria, Illinois. He attended grade and high school in Marshalltown, Iowa. After his first year in Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa he enlisted in the AEF in World War I and served as Master Engineer in France. He saw active service on several fronts. He was discharged at Camp Dodge, Iowa on June 30, 1919. He married Vivian L. Herter in Hampton, Iowa on July 3, 1920. She was the daughter of Charles J. and Josie Irene (Henzie) Herter, and was born August 3, 1900 in Deep River, Iowa. They made their home in Marshalltown, Iowa until 1923, when they moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Howard R. Ewing was trained in the construction business by his father and spent forty-five years as a construction supervisor of schools, public buildings, hospitals, commercial and industrial projects. In 1959 he was in charge of the addition to the Milwaukee Children's Hospital. His father had supervised the construction of the original building in 1921. In 1967 Howard R. Ewing retired as a construction supervisor and went to work as architect's job superintendent on large school projects. Having seen the one-room school his grandmother, Rebecca Loer, had attended, and the Waynesville Academy, his mother's alma mater, Howard R. Ewing appreciates the advancement made in educational buildings. Address: 302 North 71st Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Howard R. and Vivian (Herter) Ewing were the parents of 4 daughters: Betty A., Shirley J., Barbara J. and Heather D. Ewing.

12134863 - R. Dean Ewing, third child of William and Bereneice Ewing, was born April 1, 1898 in Peoria, Illinois. He attended grade and high school in Marshalltown, Iowa. On November 25, 1922 he married Anne Juanda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Juanda of Des Moines, Iowa. The following year they moved to Wisconsin. Like other members of the family he was interested in the construction business and served as

a consulting engineer in later years. Anne (Juanda) Ewing died in April 1942 and was buried in Highland Memorial Park, Waukesha County, Wisconsin. R. Dean Ewing died October 1957 and was buried in Rinelander, Wisconsin.

R. Dean and Anne (Juanda) Ewing were the parents of 2 daughters: Beverly and Virginia Ewing.

12134864 - Mary Isola Ewing, fourth child of William and Bereneice Ewing, was born November 2, 1905 in Peoria, Illinois. She attended grade school in Marshalltown, Iowa and graduated from high school in West Allis, Wisconsin, also Milwaukee State Normal and Wisconsin College of Music. She was a professional actress in the legitimate theatre.

March 22, 1930 she married Charles L. Senn. He was the son of Charles and Henrietta (Atkinson) Senn and was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin August 30, 1906. Mr. Senn returned to college after their marriage and received his degree in engineering in 1932. While working near Rinelander, Wisconsin the Senns bought forty acres at a delinquent tax sale. It was cut timberland and the lumber company had no further use for it. They built a small cottage and made their home here. When they had saved thirty dollars they would buy a thousand feet of lumber from the backwoods sawmill and add a room to their cottage. Mrs. Senn practiced target shooting to know how to handle a gun, if necessary. Bears, coyotes and deer were in the woods. In later years Rural Electrical Administration made electricity available. They discarded the Aladdin lamps and enjoyed this new convenience. They added a bathroom to the cottage. Now Mrs. Senn and the grandchildren spend the summer at the cottage, with other members of the family joining them when possible.

In 1943 Charles Senn was appointed Director of Environmental Sanitation for the Health Department of Los Angeles, California. W. H. Ewing, Mrs. Senn's father, took her and the children to their new home. He enjoyed showing them all the interesting places on their trip westward. Charles Senn has now retired from his work with the Health Department of Los Angeles. He serves as an advisor for United Nations in the field of Environmental Sanitation and Housing, and has traveled to many foreign countries in his work. For several years he was Chairman of the National Sanitation Foundation and is currently on the Governing Board of the American Public Health Association. He is a Professor at UCLA and Director of several research projects.

Isola Senn is interested in her grandchildren, gardening, Daughters of the American Revolution and politics. She is a conservative Republican and gives talks on legislation, patriotism and world affairs. She was campaign manager for a successful Congressman and is still active in many campaigns. Address: 5522 Atlas Street, Los Angeles, California.

Charles L. and M. Isola (Ewing) Senn were the parents of 2 children: Cynthia D. and Larry E. Senn.

Children of William and Leota (Loer) Jones

12134871 - Kenneth Marvel Jones, oldest child of William and Leota Jones, was born September 2, 1899 in Peoria, Illinois. In 1902 he went to Oklahoma Territory with his parents. They returned to Peoria three years later. He graduated from Bradley Academy and attended Bradley College, where he studied journalism. During this time he was Assistant Sports Editor of the Peoria Star. He worked on the Des Moines News one year and returned to Peoria, where he was Sports Editor of the Journal Transcript. When the Peoria newspapers consolidated the name was changed to Peoria Journal Star. In his work as Sports Editor he accompanied the Bradley University championship basketball team to many cities throughout the nation. He married Ruby --- in 1928 in Peoria, Illinois, where they have always made their home. Kenneth Jones has retired from his newspaper work but is still active in sports, especially golf and bowling.

Kenneth and Ruby Jones were the parents of 2 sons: Robert E. and William M. Jones.

12134872 - Berneice Jones, second child of William and Leota Jones, was born November 1, 1901 in Peoria, Illinois. She graduated from Peoria High School and received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Bradley College in 1924. She served as Assistant Dean of Women her last two years in Bradley College, as well as being president of the Student Council and participating in all sports. She was Illinois State Champion in tennis, taught swimming and served as recreation director in the Peoria Park system. She married Alphonse James Barrett August 7, 1926 in Peoria, Illinois. He was known by the nickname "Hunk". They moved to Madison, Wisconsin in 1929, where he was math teacher and football coach at Madison East High School. In 1935 Madison East High School won their first championship trophy. The following year he became assistant principal of the school and served as principal

from 1954 to 1958. When he retired in the spring of 1968 he was honored at a banquet in Madison. It was attended by four hundred people, who respected his work as a coach and school administrator. Berneice Barrett is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is interested in conservation work, painting and is associated with the Extension Service of University of Wisconsin. They are members of the Catholic Church. Address: 455 North Few Street, Madison, Wisconsin.

Alphonse and Berneice (Jones) Barrett had 2 sons: Peter J. and Timothy W. Barrett.

12134873 - Corinne Jones, third child of William and Leota Jones, was born August 29, 1905 in Peoria, Illinois. She was interested in music and like other members of her family, she was active in sports. During her high school days, she and her sister were members of the only girl's rowing crew in the middle West. She interrupted her high school career to work, then returned to graduate from Peoria High School and attended Bradley University. She married Richard Barnard Johnson in Peoria, Illinois on July 4, 1931. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson manage Lakeview Center Planetarium in Peoria. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Address: 7620 North Galena Road, Peoria, Illinois. They have no children.

12134874 - Marvin Berkeley Jones, youngest child of William and Leota Jones, was born December 19, 1910 in Peoria, Illinois. He graduated from Peoria High School and was active in their sports program. While attending college in Macomb, Illinois he married Virginia Marion Bronson. This marriage ended in divorce and on October 22, 1938 he married Mildred Ann Heinzman, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Heinzman. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin B. Jones live in Peoria, Illinois.

Marvin and Virginia (Bronson) Jones had 1 daughter: Barbara E. Jones.

Children of Jesse and Georgette (DuMont) Loer

12134881 - Lorin L. Loer, first child of Jesse and Georgette Loer, was born November 26, 1900 in Peoria, Illinois. In 1936 he married Alice Weaver in Peoria. He worked for the local school board in charge of maintenance. He was an

active member of the Masonic Order. Lorin L. Loer died in Peoria, Illinois in August 1947 and was buried in Parkview Cemetery, Peoria, Illinois. Alice (Weaver) Loer died about 1967.

Lorin and Alice (Weaver) Loer had 1 son: Roger W. Loer 12134882 - Carl Loer, second child of Jesse and Georgette Loer was born August 19, 1902 in Peoria, Illinois. He served in the United States Army four years. In 1937 he married Estella Stanley in Chicago, Illinois. He is now retired. He enjoys politics and is active in the Republican party. He is a member of the Masonic Order and the Shrine. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Loer had no children. Address: 1121 Buena Vista - Reno, Nevada.

12134883 - Pauline Loer, third child of Jesse and Georgette Loer, was born in Peoria, Illinois June 15, 1905. On February 2, 1923 she was married to Louis W. Craig at the Methodist Church in Peoria. He was the son of Louis and Clara (Siglar) Craig. They made their home in Peoria, where Mr. Craig was employed as a clerk. He served in the United States Army during 1942 and 1943. Mr. Craig is retired and they live in Warrenton, Illinois.

Louis and Pauline (Loer) Craig were the parents of 2 daughters: Betty J. and Phyllis J. Craig.

12134884 - Verna Loer, fourth child of Jesse and Georgette Loer, was born January 29, 1908 in Peoria, Illinois. She married Albert Johnson, son of Peter and Daisy Johnson, on August 6, 1928, in Bloomington, Illinois. They made their home in Marshall, Michigan, where Mr. Johnson was Plant Superintendent of Fruehauf Trailer Company. Albert Johnson died in Marshall, Michigan, July 10, 1948 and was buried in Parkview Cemetery, Peoria, Illinois.

Soon after moving to Marshall, Michigan, Mrs. Johnson was employed by Standard Oil of New York, in the Detroit office. After the death of her husband, she transferred to California, where she is working in the office of the Secretary of Standard Oil. She married William Belknap in 1957 and was divorced ten years later. She is a member of the Baptist Church and a charter member of Chapter 609 of the

Order of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Georgette Loer makes her home with Pauline Belknap. Address: 2591 Center Road, Novato, California.

12134885 - Kenneth Loer, fifth child of Jesse and Georgette Loer, was born in Peoria, Illinois July 20, 1910. He married Elsie E. Kelley on January 5, 1936. She was born in Macomb, Illinois February 9, 1913. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Loer live in California. Address: 545 McClay Road, Novato, California.

12134886 - Dorothy Loer, youngest child of Jesse and Georgette Loer was born February 17, 1913 and died October 23, 1923 in Peoria, Illinois.

GRANDCHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND MARY ANN (MARVEL) GAMBREL

Children of John and Rebecca J. (Gambrel) Lanterman

12134921 - Charles Edward Lanterman, oldest child of John and Rebecca Lanterman, was born October 28, 1874 near Waynesville, Illinois. He married Phoebe Denton, December 30, 1906. He worked as a pharmacist for Seigel, Cooper and Company and later in the drug department of the Great Northern Hotel. Due to his health he secured a traveling position. Charles E. Lanterman died January 22, 1907. They had no children.

12134922 - Harriet Belle Lanterman, second child of John and Rebecca Lanterman, was born June 4, 1877 near Waynesville, Illinois. She went to Hamilton County, Nebraska with her parents in 1883. On April 8, 1892 she married Lee C. Cox, son of George E. and Sarah Elizabeth (Marcy) Cox. He died May 28, 1915 in San Diego, California, where they moved for the benefit of his health. Harriet Cox married J. Potter Whitren on July 1, 1923. He was a broker in San Diego. She was known to family and friends by the nickname "Hattie". Harriet (Lanterman) Whitren died December 21, 1957 and was buried in San Diego, California.

Lee C. and Harriet (Lanterman) Cox were the parents of 4 daughters: Goldie E., Helen M., Lois L. and Anna Belle Cox.

Child of William P. and Laura (Sweeny) Gambrel

12134941 - Harry Holmes Gambrel, only child of William and

Laura Gambrel, was born September 26, 1880 in Clinton, Illinois. He married Leilah Elma Huff in Maroa, Illinois on December 17, 1902. She was the daughter of Charles H. and Jennie (Russell) Huff and was born in Maroa, Illinois February 13, 1883. They made their home in Maroa for many years before moving to Decatur, Illinois. Harry H. Gambrel was associated with the Wabash Railroad. He died July 18, 1958 in Decatur and was buried in Maroa, Illinois. After her husband's death, Mrs. Gambrel went to Sacramento, California to make her home with her daughter Dorothy (Gambrel) France.

Harry Holmes and Leilah (Huff) Gambrel were the parents of 6 children: Lorraine (died in infancy), Dorothy J., Marion E., Marjorie, William C. (died in infancy) and Harry Holmes Gambrel, Jr.

Children of Willis and Nancy E. (Gambrel) Horn

12134951 - Mary Catherine Horn, first child of Willis and Nancy Horn, was born September 9, 1883 in DeWitt County, Illinois. She lived in Hamilton County, Nebraska until 1892, when her parents returned to Illinois. In 1902 her parents moved to Boulder, Colorado, where she attended Boulder Business College. She married Frank H. Kinsell April 16, 1908 in Boulder. Mr. Kinsell was born in Colo, Iowa, attended University of Oregon and received his law degree from University of Colorado. He practiced his profession in Spokane, Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Kinsell were members of the Central Methodist Church and active in Masonic and Eastern Star work.

Mary C. (Horn) Kinsell died May 8, 1956 and Frank H. Kinsell died October 3, 1958. They were buried in Spokane, Washington. They had no children.

12134952 - William Horn, second child of Willis and Nancy Horn, was born August 4, 1886 and died of croup February 19, 1887, near Phillips, Nebraska, the place of his birth.

12134953 - Nellie Horn, third child of Willis and Nancy Horn, was born November 27, 1887 near Phillips, Nebraska. She attended school in Illinois and graduated from high school in Boulder, Colorado. She attended University of Colorado two years, before moving to Spokane, Washington. June 10, 1911 she married Riley Girthoffer in Spokane, Washington. Nellie (Horn) Girthoffer died April 14, 1913, following childbirth.

Riley Girthoffer died December 4, 1965. Burial in Spokane, Washington.

Riley and Nellie (Horn) Girthoffer had 1 child: Helen Girthoffer.

12134954 - Ray Hamilton Horn, fourth child of Willis and Nancy Horn, was born in DeWitt County, Illinois on February 3, 1892. He attended school in Illinois, Colorado and Washington. He graduated from Northwestern Business College in Spokane. He enlisted in the 161st Infantry in July 1917. He had his basic training at Camp Lewis, Washington; transferred to Charlotte, North Carolina and Long Island, before going to France December 12, 1917. While there he attended Officers Training School and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant on July 15, 1918. He was transferred to the 88th Division, 352nd Infantry, Company F. He was discharged from Camp Lewis, September 12, 1919. He made his home with his mother in Spokane until his marriage to Lydia Wise on July 21, 1920. She was the daughter of Charles Henry and Elizabeth (Cramer) Wise and was born in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. The Ray Horns lived in Spokane for a few years and then moved to Seattle, Washington. Through the years the Horns made several trips east and always visited in Illinois. Lydia (Wise) Horn died May 8, 1951 in Seattle and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery. Ray H. Horn married Zella (Massee) Oberg on August 21, 1956. Address: 500 Wall Street, Seattle.

Ray H. and Lydia (Wise) Horn had 2 daughters: Dorothy E. and Barbara J. Horn.

12134955 - Paul Horn, fifth child of Willis and Nancy Horn, was born in Logan County, Illinois in 1897 and died July 16, 1898.

Children of George and Ida (Dick) Gambrel

12134961 - Charles D. Gambrel, first child of George and Ida Gambrel, was born September 6, 1887 in Waynesville, Illinois. He attended school in Clinton and Niantic. He married Clella Lucile Lucas on November 29, 1908 at the Methodist Church in Illiopolis, Illinois. She was the daughter of Peter P. and Lydia (Wilcox) Lucas. She was born August 31, 1889 in Illiopolis, Illinois. Soon after their marriage they moved to Aberdeen, South Dakota. They have lived in Glenwood Springs,

Colorado since 1921. Prior to his retirement in 1955, he was Director of the Garfield County Welfare Department for ten years and had been associated with the department for twenty years. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gambrel attended the Marvel Reunion in Clinton, Illinois in July 1966. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary November 29, 1958 and their sixtieth anniversary in 1968.

Charles D. and Clella (Lucas) Gambrel had 2 children: Ruth L. and Harold L. Gambrel.

12134962 - George Kenneth Gambrel, second child of George and Ida Gambrel, was born July 11, 1902 and died March 12, 1910.

12134963 - Donald Alfred Gambrel, third child of George and Ida Gambrel, was born June 23, 1906 near Niantic, Illinois. He was a small boy when his parents purchased a farm near Aberdeen, South Dakota. Donald A. Gambrel married Alice Marjorie Drisko February 19, 1927 in Aberdeen, South Dakota. She was the daughter of William Herbert and Minnie Irene (Wilson) Drisko and was born in Aberdeen, South Dakota April 16, 1907. In 1942 Mr. Gambrel transferred to the Internal Revenue Service, prior to that he had been associated with the Post Office Department for five years. Mrs. Gambrel is a field worker with the South Dakota Welfare Department.

In 1946 Mr. and Mrs. Gambrel visited in Tabor, Illinois and returned to Illinois in 1966 to attend the Marvel Reunion. They enjoy traveling and plan winter vacations in California to avoid some of the cold weather of South Dakota. Address: 615 South Kline Street.

Donald A. and Alice (Drisko) Gambrel had 4 children: Fern I., Marjorie A., Donald A., Jr. and Marian M. Gambrel.

Child of Isham J. and Lavina (Gambrel) Atchison

12134991 - Ethel Atchison, only child of Isham J. and Lavina Atchison, was born June 28, 1889 near Waynesville, Illinois. At a home wedding on October 29, 1907 Ethel Atchison married John T. Hammitt. He was born April 21, 1888, the son of Martin and Sarah (Andrews) Hammitt. They made their home on her parent's farm until 1948 when they retired in Waynesville, living in the home she inherited from her mother. They were members of the Waynesville Methodist Church. Mr. Hammitt

served as supervisor from Waynesville Township for several years. He was a member of the Masonic Order. Ethel (Atchison) Hammitt died at the hospital in Lincoln, Illinois January 25, 1956. On March 30, 1958 John T. Hammitt married Minnie Gambrel. She died the following year. John T. Hammitt was killed in an automobile accident on September 9, 1964. He was buried in Union Cemetery, as were Ethel (Atchison) Hammitt and Minnie (Gambrel) Hammitt.

John T. and Ethel (Atchison) Hammitt were the parents of 2 sons: William A. and Charles Richard Hammitt.

Children of George and Adda (Gambrel) Trigg

121349-10-1 - Eva Lavina Trigg, first child of George and Adda Trigg, was born February 22, 1893 near Deland, Illinois. She was a small girl when her mother died. December 24, 1908 she married Elmer Ray Mathews, son of Lewis and Ida (Yall) Mathews. They lived on the Trigg farm, near Deland, for several years and then moved to Pontiac, Michigan. E. Ray Mathews died April 29, 1948 and was buried in Pontiac, Michigan. Eva Mathews makes her home in Pontiac, Michigan.

Elmer Ray and Eva (Trigg) Mathews were the parents of 5 children: Merlin, Roy, Charles L., Dorothy A. and Lowell G. Mathews.

121349-10-2 - Charles Calvin Trigg, second child of George and Adda Trigg, was born near Deland, Illinois on January 28, 1895. For three years following his mother's death in 1900, the Trigg children lived with William and Mary Ann Gambrel, in Tabor. When George Trigg married Ida Troxel the children returned to their home in Deland. Charles C. Trigg served in World War I. On November 26, 1919 he married Lola Fern Bickel, daughter of John Evans and Mary L. (McBride) Bickel. They made their home in Deland, where Mr. Trigg was associated with his father in the Trigg Funeral home. They were members of the Methodist Church of Deland. Charles C. Trigg died in Champaign, Illinois May 5, 1962 and was buried in Deland, Illinois. Mrs. Trigg lives in Deland.

Charles C. and Lola (Bickel) Trigg were the parents of 2 children: James C. and Lorinda C. Trigg.

121349-10-3 - William Gambrel Trigg, third child of George and Adda Trigg, was born May 28, 1896 near Deland, Illinois. He has been crippled since childhood, due to a hip injury. His education began at Tabor school. He graduated from Deland High School in 1916. Christmas holidays were spent with Grandmother Gambrel. After the Trigg brothers were married they always went to Tabor for family holiday dinners. Before the days of hard surface roads, this could be a rigorous trip. William G. Trigg married Bess Fleming, daughter of John James and Elizabeth (Dolan) Fleming, on September 23, 1921. He owns a drygoods store in Deland.

William G. and Bess (Fleming) Trigg had 1 daughter: Shirley Ann Trigg.

Child of Charles W. and Eva (Gambrel) Marvel

121349-11-1 - Ralph Lorin Marvel, only child of Charles W. and Eva Marvel, was born January 3, 1892, near Waynesville, Illinois. His mother died when he was seven years old. On November 27, 1900 Charles W. Marvel married Sadie Wasson, daughter of Willis and Caroline (Sharp) Wasson. They lived on the farm until 1904, when they moved to Normal, Illinois. Two years later they moved to Webster City, Iowa, where his father was engaged in the auctioneering and livestock business.

Ralph L. Marvel began his education at Tabor, the one-room school near the farm home, attended school in Normal, Illinois and graduated from Webster City High School in 1909. He attended Cornell College at Mt. Vernon, Iowa for three years. He married Lela McNee in Blairsburg, Iowa on February 24, 1915. They made their home on the Marvel farm near Webster City until 1921, when they moved to Colorado for the benefit of Ralph Marvel's health. On their return to Iowa in 1924 he operated a store in Blairsburg. In 1929 they moved to San Antonio, Texas, where he was associated with the Sanitation and Foods Division of the City Health Department. He retired in 1959, due to poor health. Address: 1407 West Elsmere.

Ralph L. and Lela (McNee) Marvel had 1 son: Robert Wiley Marvel.

Children of T. Franklin and Emma (Bloye) Gambrel.

121349-12-1 - George William Gambrel, first child of Thomas Franklin and Emma Gambrel, was born near Waynesville, Illinois

September 27, 1904. As a small boy he went with his parents to Aberdeen, South Dakota. The family returned to Illinois in 1920, settling in Tabor. George Gambrel graduated from Waynesville Township High School in 1925. He married Marguerite Kathryn Batson July 10, 1929. They made their home in Decatur, Illinois, where he worked for the Wabash Railroad. This marriage was ended by divorce and Marguerite Gambrel moved to California. George Gambrel's second marriage was to Georgia Elam. They make their home near Taylorville, Illinois. He is an engineer for Wabash Railroad.

George W. and Marguerite (Batson) Gambrel were the parents of 7 children: George Fred, Beverly A., Thomas E., Winona F., Stephen F., Stuart N. and Loretta S. Gambrel.

121349-12-1 - Frank Bloye Gambrel, second child of T. Franklin and Emma Gambrel, was born August 13, 1910 near Aberdeen, South Dakota. He attended elementary school in South Dakota and Tabor, Illinois, graduated from Waynesville Township High School and attended Illinois State Normal University. He served in the Army during World War II from June 1942 to October 1945. He was Supply Sergeant in the Engineer Depot on the island of New Caledonia in the Pacific for thirty months. August 7, 1945 he married Alice Bernice Provines in Clinton, Illinois. She was born near Bellflower, Illinois January 19, 1917, the daughter of Ira and Lula (Innis) Provines. Following his discharge from the Army, the couple have made their home near Clinton, on a farm owned by her parents.

Frank B. and Alice (Provines) Gambrel were the parents of 2 children: Rex L. and Rita A. Gambrel.

Children of John and Laura (Gambrel) Longworth

121349-13-1 - Earl Agustus Longworth, first child of John and Laura Longworth, was born November 28, 1897 near McLean, Illinois. He received his elementary education at Longworth School, the one-room school near his home. He graduated from McLean High School in 1916. He enlisted in the Coast Artillery of the Army on July 16, 1918. He transferred to Battery C, 34th Artillery at Camp Eustis, Virginia on October 10. He was discharged from the Army at Camp Grant, December 26, 1918. He married Katherine McCullough June 1, 1920 in Bloomington, Illinois. She was born in Atlanta, Illinois July 19, 1894, the daughter of P. T. and Elizabeth (Keegan) McCullough. They lived on a farm near Angus, Minnesota for two years and then

returned to his father's farm, east of McLean. Earl Longworth was a member of the Board of Directors of the McLean County Milk Producers Association for many years. He served as clerk of the Longworth School Board and was a member of the American Legion. The Longworths enjoyed traveling and toured continental United States and Canada. He had a pilot's license and belonged to the Clinton Flying Farmers. Mr. and Mrs. Longworth were members of the Catholic Church. Earl A. Longworth died in Bloomington May 6, 1956 and was buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Lincoln, Illinois. Mrs. Longworth was an elementary school teacher and now makes her home in Bloomington, Illinois. They had no children.

121349-13-2 - Ethel Leone Longworth, second child of John and Laura Longworth, was born near McLean, Illinois, February 9, 1899 and died December 6 of the same year.

121349-13-3 - Fern Longworth, third child of John and Laura Longworth, was born June 1, 1900 near McLean, Illinois. She graduated from Longworth School, McLean High School and Brown's Business College of Bloomington, Illinois. She was a commercial teacher in the Mason City, Mackinaw and McLean schools. She married Archie Naffziger on May 18, 1924 in Carlinville, Illinois. They lived on a farm northwest of McLean. She was a member of the Methodist Church, also McLean Chapter, No. 421 O.E.S. She died in Bloomington, Illinois January 29, 1926, following childbirth. She was buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, McLean, Illinois.

Archie and Fern (Longworth) Naffziger had 1 child:
Donald W. Naffziger.

121349-13-4 - Lois Laura Longworth, fourth child of John and Laura Longworth, was born May 11, 1902 near McLean, Illinois. She graduated from Longworth School in 1917 and from McLean High School four years later. On June 1, 1921 she married Ray Arlington Bowers, adopted son of Robert B. and Carrie (Stephens) Bowers. Their marriage was performed at the Mennonite Hospital in Bloomington, Illinois, where the Rev. Charles H. Thrall was recuperating from surgery. Mr. Bowers was born December 30, 1895 in Chicago, Illinois. He served in the Coast Guard during World War I. He worked as a mechanic in the McLean Motor Company, later becoming a partner and then owner of the business. After retiring from the automobile agency he served as Supervisor of Mount Hope Township for

many years. He is a past commander of the McLean American Legion Post and a member of the local Masonic Order. They are members of the McLean Methodist Church. Mrs. Bowers is a past worthy matron of the Order of the Eastern Star and has held an office in that organization since 1931.

Ray and Lois (Longworth) Bowers had 1 daughter: Eleanore B. Bowers.

121349-13-5 - John Wilbur Longworth, youngest child of John and Laura Longworth, was born October 30, 1903 near McLean, Illinois. After graduating from McLean High School he attended Illinois Wesleyan University and University of Illinois. He worked for S. S. Kresge and Company in Olean, New York. He married Margaret Mary Conroy on April 6, 1929 in Olean. She was the daughter of Thomas L. and Clara (Schultz) Conroy and was born in McLean, Illinois August 13, 1906. In the ensuing years Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilbur Longworth returned to Illinois and bought a hardware store in Leroy. They sold this business and bought a farm east of McLean. Within a few years they sold the farm and retired to Prescott, Arizona. This thriving resort town is in a mining, ranching and farming area of the Sierra Madre Mountains. Mr. Longworth saw the transportation difficulties of the visitors to the resort town so he bought the Prescott Taxi Cab Service, which he still owns and operates. They have no children.

Child of W. Calvin and Edna (Hass) Gambrel

121349-14-1 - Lois Josephine Gambrel, only child of W. Calvin and Edna Gambrel, was born December 19, 1901. When her parents were divorced she went to Iowa with her mother. In 1925 she was a milliner in Marshalltown, Iowa. No further information available.

Children of J. Harvey and Anna B. (Gambrel) Thompson

121349-15-1 - Guy Gambrel Thompson, first child of J. Harvey and Anna Thompson, was born in Logan County, Illinois November 15, 1905. With his parents he moved to Decatur, Illinois, where he attended the schools of that city, including James Millikin University. On April 19, 1933 he married Wilmoth Evelyn Eaton in Decatur, Illinois. She was born in Pennville, Indiana and was the daughter of Oscar and Essie (Warren) Eaton. They lived in Decatur - 1416 East Johns Street - the home of his parents. Guy Thompson is a quality control

analyst. Wilmoth Evelyn Thompson died in Decatur December 30, 1968 and was buried in Calvary Cemetery, Decatur, Illinois.

Guy and Wilmoth (Eaton) Thompson were the parents of 2 children: Guy W. and Mary A. Thompson.

121349-15-2 - Hobart Harvey Thompson, second child of J. Harvey and Anna Thompson, was born in DeWitt County, Illinois on March 28, 1907. As a baby he was called "Pat" and this nickname has remained with him. He graduated from Decatur High School in 1926. He was interested in sports and received a football scholarship to Highpoint College, High Point, North Carolina. On February 10, 1928 he married Elizabeth Hampton Hubbard. She was born August 14, 1910 in Clarksburg, West Virginia, the daughter of Robert C., Jr. and Florence Adelaide (Hampton) Hubbard. H. H. Thompson was associated with McLellan's, a chain of variety stores, for twenty-five years. During this period they lived in several different cities. They moved to Moultrie, Georgia, where he is employed as a traveling salesman for Jamison Bedding Company. He had retained his interest in sports and plays golf frequently. They are active members of the Episcopal Church. H. H. Thompson has served as Sunday School Superintendent and as a Vestryman. Mrs. Thompson is active in many phases of the women's work of the church. For several years she was fashion co-ordinator and buyer for a department store. Now she is at home and enjoys painting and gardening. She has recently become interested in genealogy.

Hobart Harvey and Elizabeth (Hubbard) Thompson have two daughters: Elizabeth A. and Florence P. Thompson.

121349-15-3 - Roland Ross Thompson, third child of J. Harvey and Anna Thompson, was born July 24, 1908 at McLean, Illinois. He graduated from Decatur High School and attended James Millikin University. He married Mary Ellen Murphey in Decatur, Illinois. She was the daughter of Joseph H. and Ella (Rike) Murphey and was born May 16, 1909 in Decatur, Illinois. R. R. Thompson was associated with the sales division of Philco Corporation and Nash Kelvinator until 1938. At this time he became sales manager of Merkle Broom Company, the world's largest manufacturer of brooms. They lived in Paris, Illinois from 1938 to 1963. In 1963 he became co-owner of the France Broom Company of Paxton, Illinois. He is president of this company. He has served three terms as president of the National Broom Manufacturer's Association and is currently on the Board of Directors. Mrs. Thompson is associated with an import shop. They moved to Urbana, Illinois in 1963. Address: 207 Vawter Street.

R. R. and Mary (Murphey) Thompson had 2 daughters: Nancy and Jane Ann Thompson.

121349-15-4 - William Wayne Thompson, fourth child of J. Harvey and Anna Thompson, was born July 14, 1910 and died December 7, 1911.

121349-15-5 - Marjorie Kathleen Thompson, only daughter of J. Harvey and Anna Thompson, was born February 1, 1912 in DeWitt County, near the Buck's Road Community. She attended school in Decatur, Illinois. She married Samuel Everett Crow in Bement, Illinois on November 26, 1930. His parents were Samuel J. and Audrey Lee (Walker) Crow. He was born in Decatur, Illinois September 1, 1912. They made their home in Decatur, where he was with the City Fire Department. Marjorie was later known by her middle name, Kathleen, with the inevitable nickname of "Katie". She worked in the office of the Decatur-Macon County Hospital. The Crows enjoyed traveling and when camping became popular they purchased a tent and equipment to enjoy out-of-doors living. They had many rolls of home movies to prove it. They built a cabin south of Tower Hill, Illinois, on a private lake on a farm owned by friends, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Woodard. Mrs. Crow loved working on the cabin. She and Mrs. Woodard were proud of their roofing job, with their claim to fame being, "It hasn't leaked yet". But Kathleen Crow did not live to enjoy many weekends at the cabin. She died December 9, 1960 in Decatur and was buried in Fairlawn Cemetery, Decatur, Illinois.

Samuel E. and Marjorie Kathleen (Thompson) Crow had 2 daughters: Jeaneen L. and Janet S. Crow.

GRANDCHILDREN OF WILEY AND ELIZABETH (WILLIAMS) MARVEL

Children of George and Ida (Marvel) Starkey

12134-10-11 - John J. Starkey, first child of George and Ida Starkey, was born September 29, 1886 in Waynesville, Illinois. He graduated from the Waynesville Academy. He attended University of Arkansas for two years, when his parents lived in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. He also attended University of Chicago and University of Illinois, before he graduated from University of Southern California. He married Helene Margaret Zachritz of Los Angeles, California on August 17, 1915. John J. Starkey served in France during World War I. They made their home in Waynesville, Illinois and John Starkey supervised the farming of his mother's land. About 1925 he moved to Clinton and he

entered the insurance and bond business. His marriage was ended by divorce and he married Nona Kemp in Clinton, Illinois on June 15, 1935. John J. Starkey died at John Warner Hospital in Clinton January 16, 1955. He was buried in Union Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois.

John J. and Helen (Zachritz) Starkey had 1 son: John G. Starkey.

12134-10-12 - Litta May Starkey, second child of George and Ida Starkey, was born in Waynesville, Illinois August 17, 1888. She graduated from the Waynesville Academy and studied at University of Illinois, Chicago Musical College and Sherwood Music School. She married William Gilbert Hunt in Champaign, Illinois, October 3, 1911. They lived in Weldon, Illinois, where he was in the clothing business. At the beginning of World War I, they moved to her mother's farm near Waynesville. Later they moved to Clinton, where W. G. Hunt was employed by a clothing store and Mrs. Hunt had a music studio. For several years W. G. Hunt was associated with the DeWitt County highway department and did much to promote hard surface roads throughout the area. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt were interested in Marvel Reunions and took active parts in organized programs. In later years they spent the winters in St. Petersburg, Florida. William Gilbert Hunt died in Clinton, Illinois March 22, 1957. Litta Hunt maintained her home in Clinton but spent much of each year in St. Petersburg. Litta (Starkey) Hunt died in Clinton, Illinois August 10, 1966. They were buried in Union Cemetery, Waynesville, Illinois.

12134-10-13 - Clure Starkey, third child of George and Ida Starkey was born in Waynesville, Illinois July 21, 1893 and died in infancy.

Children of Nelson and Adda (Marvel) Swam

12134-10-21 - An infant son, unnamed, first child of Nelson and Adda Swam, was born April 28, 1891 and died the same day.

12134-10-22 - Harry Clifford Swam, second child of Nelson and Adda Swam, was born near Waynesville, Illinois June 15, 1893. He graduated from Clinton High School in 1913 and attended University of Illinois, where he took an agricultural course. He married Viva Bartley in Clinton, Illinois on May 26, 1915. She was born August 9, 1895, the daughter of David and Mayme (Barnett) Bartley. They made their home on the Swam farm,

about two miles south of Waynesville. Viva (Bartley) Swam died at the hospital in Clinton, Illinois September 13, 1930 and was buried in McClimmins Cemetery, Hallsville, Illinois. Harry Swam continued to live on the farm. When his son Attended University of Illinois he spent the winters in Champaign.

The advent of gravel and other hard surface roads meant progress in the educational system. West Hull, Tabor and other one-room schools were discontinued. The Hallsville building was enlarged and children in the district were taken by bus to the consolidated school in Hallsville. Since the West Hull School had been established on land originally owned by Wiley Marvel, Harry Swam's grandfather, this land reverted to the descendants of the original owner, when the one-room school was abandoned. Harry Swam sold the one acre plot to Raymond Hieronymus, who had bought the West Hull schoolhouse, and it was converted to a residence.

Harry Swam married Elsie Jackson August 9, 1941 in Bowling Green, Missouri. They made their home on the farm until 1946, when they retired and bought a home in Clinton.

Harry C. and Viva (Bartley) Swam had 1 son: Bartley N. Swam.

Children of Otis and Elizabeth (Reynolds) Marvel

12134-10-31 - Verna Elizabeth Marvel, first child of Otis and Elizabeth Marvel, was born in Barnett Township, DeWitt County, Illinois January 14, 1906. She graduated from Waynesville Township High School in 1924. After attending James Millikin University for two years, she returned to Waynesville, where she taught in the elementary school. Two years later she transferred to the Leland, Illinois school system. June 2, 1935 she married Alvin Anderson in Leland, Illinois. He was born June 30, 1904 in LaSalle County, Illinois, the son of Jesse and Olive (Bjelland) Anderson. They made their home in Oak Park, Illinois. Mr. Anderson was employed by Acme Fast Freight in Chicago, Illinois. In 1949 they moved to Clinton, Illinois, where Verna Anderson taught school. Alvin Anderson died October 18, 1950 in Sandwich, Illinois and was buried in Memorial Park, Clinton, Illinois. Verna Anderson continued teaching in Clinton and during the summer attended Indiana University, at Bloomington, Indiana, until she received her

Bachelor of Education degree in 1953. On June 23, 1956 Verna (Marvel) Anderson married Major (ret.) Robert D. Reilly of San Antonio, Texas. She taught in Clinton until 1961, when they moved to Tampa, Florida. She began teaching at Manhattan School, close to their home - 4418 Sevilla Street, Tampa, Florida. Robert D. Reilly died October 23, 1965 in Tampa, Florida and was buried in National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas.

Verna (Marvel) Reilly is a vivacious person with a pleasing personality. She enjoys traveling and has toured continental United States, Canada, Mexico, Nassau, Panama and Europe. Photography is another hobby, so she has a pictorial review of her travels, as well as other activities. She is a member of the Catholic Church, Daughters of the American Revolution, also other women's organizations in Tampa, Florida.

.. Alvin and Verna (Marvel) Anderson had 1 daughter: Elizabeth Anderson.

12134-10-32 - Mildred Marvel, second child of Otis and Elizabeth Marvel, was born April 18, 1909 near Waynesville, Illinois. She graduated from Waynesville Township High School in 1926. As valedictorian of her class she received a scholarship to Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois. After two years college work she taught school, beginning at West Hull, the one-room school which her ancestors had revered. On June 23, 1935 she married Vernon L. Burwell at the farm home near Waynesville. He was born December 2, 1906 in Logan County, Illinois, the son of Lewis I. and Rose (Allman) Burwell. His great grandfather, Arnett Allman, married Cynthia Barr. She was a sister to Rebecca Barr, who became the wife of Prettyman Marvel, Jr. Thus this couple had common ancestors - John and Nancy (Hamilton) Barr. Following their marriage they made their home in Kansas City, Kansas, where he was employed by Inland Utilities Company. The following year he became associated with Phillips Petroleum Company at the Kansas City, Kansas refinery. In 1938 Mr. and Mrs. Burwell attended the Methodist Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, uniting the Methodist Episcopal, Methodist Protestant and Methodist South, into one Methodist body. In 1942 Mrs. Burwell became the Welcome Wagon hostess in Kansas City, Kansas, calling on the new residents of that city. This was an interesting period of expansion in the city and she had the opportunity to become acquainted with many people from foreign countries. In 1962

she retired and later developed an interest in genealogy. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She has been active in many civic organizations in Kansas City, Kansas, as well as church and social events. Address: 2645 North 21st Street. They have no children.

12134-10-33 - Maurice Otis Marvel, third child of Otis and Elizabeth Marvel, was born November 16, 1913, near Waynesville, Illinois. He was about ten years of age when he had an infection which resulted in leg surgery. When he returned to school, on crutches, his friends started calling him "Corkleg", which was soon shortened to "Corkey", a nickname which continued a lifetime. He graduated from Waynesville Township High School in 1931. The following year his parents moved to the farm and he took charge of the farming operations. He married Vera Fulce on February 28, 1944 in Bloomington, Illinois. She was the daughter of Willie Lee and Mamie (Dawson) Fulce of Wapella, Illinois and was born in Lyon County, Kentucky November 22, 1921. They made their home on the farm. They enjoyed the mild weather in Florida. After several winters they brought a vacation home in Edgewater, Florida. They returned to Illinois in the spring to resume the farm work.

Maurice Marvel was interested in sports, played basketball and baseball in school, and in later years was a spectator at many sports events. They were active in politics and organized many political activities for the Democrat party. For several years Vera Marvel was Superintendent of the Illinois State Fair Hobby Show in Springfield, Illinois. In 1961 Maurice Marvel was appointed safety lane inspector for the Illinois Department of Public Safety. Maurice Marvel died August 27, 1967 at his home and was buried in Memorial Park, Clinton, Illinois.

Mrs. Marvel and John continued to live on the farm until May 15, 1968. A tornado damaged the house and destroyed all the other farm buildings. She bought a home in Clinton, 49 Edgelea Road, where they make their home. This tornado did extensive damage in central Illinois. Besides winds of more than one hundred twenty miles per hour, rain fell in torrents and hail ruined the crops. High tension towers were crumpled and telephone lines were broken. Many familiar landmarks were destroyed and many of the buildings in the rural areas will not be replaced.

Maurice and Vera (Fulce) Marvel were the parents of 2 children: Nelda L. and John K. Marvel.

12134-10-34 - Margaret Ferne Marvel, youngest child of Otis and Elizabeth Marvel, was born February 27, 1916 near Waynesville, Illinois. In the fall of that year her parents moved to Waynesville. She married Lee Richard Railsback on June 19, 1938, at her father's new home on the farm. L. Richard Railsback was born in Weldon, Illinois July 19, 1911, the son of Lee W. and Mary (Eubanks) Railsback. They made their home in Weldon, where he was associated with his father in the grain business. They were members of the Methodist Church. She was active in the Weldon Women's Club for several years. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Eagles Auxiliary of Clinton. Margaret Ferne (Marvel) Railsback died April 1, 1966 in Brokaw Hospital, Normal, Illinois from injuries sustained in a car accident a few days earlier. She was buried in Memorial Park, Clinton, Illinois.

L. Richard and Margaret Ferne (Marvel) Railsback had 1 son: Stephen M. Railsback.

Child of George B. and Phoebe (Gramesley) Marvel

12134-10-41 - George Bertram Marvel, Jr., only child of George and Phoebe Marvel, was born in Clinton, Illinois September 20, 1918. After graduating from Clinton High School in 1936, he attended Louisiana State University and then transferred to University of Illinois. He enlisted in the Air Corps of the US Army in February 1940 as a Flying Cadet. He graduated as a pilot and 2nd Lt. and was assigned to the Panama Canal Zone. He married Rosemary Phelps November 10, 1940 in Clinton, Illinois. She was the daughter of Charles Asa and Louise (Murdock) Phelps and was born in Clinton, Illinois December 3, 1922. They arrived at their home in Panama a short time before Pearl Harbor. He spent the next year flying patrol missions over the Pacific. Three years later he was transferred to Kansas and returned to Panama in 1946. In 1949 he attended Air Command and Staff School and in 1952 was assigned to the USAF Mission in Santiago, Chili. In 1955 he went to Chanute AF Base at Rantoul, Illinois and five years later was assigned to Stead AF Base in Reno, Nevada. He retired as a Lt. Col. on July 31, 1961. During his twenty-two years in the Air Force as a pilot he flew everything from helicopters and amphibians to jets and has over five thousand flying hours to his credit.

George Marvel finished his college education while in the Air Force and received a Bachelor's degree from the University of Omaha in 1960. He entered Law School of University of Arizona in Tucson after retiring from the Air Force. He received his law degree in 1964 and was admitted to the Arizona Bar in April of that year. They make their home in Tucson, where he has his law practice. He enjoys golf, bowling and fishing.

George and Rosemary (Phelps) Marvel were the parents of 3 children: Kenneth Barry, Laurie K. and Stuart P. Marvel.

Child of Luther M. and Minnie (Trigg) Marvel

12134-10-51 - Pauline Marvel, only child of Luther and Minnie Marvel, was born in Deland, Illinois July 9, 1906. She was a small child when her parents moved to Weldon, Illinois. After graduating from high school, she attended Northwestern University, where she received her Bachelor of Music degree in 1929. She married Richard Lockwood Webb on December 31, 1929 in Weldon, Illinois. He was born in Farmer City, Illinois October 14, 1902, the son of Charles and Anna (White) Webb. They made their home in Evanston and later Glenn Ellyn, Illinois while he was Professor of Anatomy at University of Illinois Medical School in Chicago. In 1948 they moved to Bloomington, Indiana, where he was Chairman of the Department of Anatomy at University of Indiana Medical School. Richard L. Webb died in Bloomington, Indiana November 10, 1961 and was buried in Rose Hill Mausoleum, Bloomington, Indiana.

Pauline Webb received her Master of Music degree from University of Indiana in 1958. She is Supervisor of Music in the Elementary Schools of Bloomington, Indiana, a position she assumed in 1956. She lives in her home - 1408 Maxwell Lane -, is active in the Methodist Church and has a wide circle of friends. She enjoys traveling and has visited many countries throughout the world. Mr. and Mrs. Webb had no children. His niece, Carol Simpson, lived with them from 1934 until her marriage to Donald E. Hanna in 1953.

Child of William J. and F. Gertrude (Bowman) Marvel

12134-10-71 - Wiley Robert Marvel, only child of William and F. Gertrude Marvel, was born August 13, 1907, in Chicago, Illinois. After graduating from Linbloom High School, he attended Northwestern University one year and then graduated

from Westminister College, Fulton, Missouri. He received his Doctor of Medicine degree from University of Tennessee School of Medicine, Memphis, Tennessee. He specialized in general surgery. After serving his internship in Chicago, he began the practice of his profession in Weldon, Illinois.

He married Kathryne Louise Ellis in St. Louis, Missouri on June 22, 1929. She was the daughter of Leonard P. and Emma (Snell) Ellis and was born in Kansas City, Missouri June 19, 1906. She died in Urbana, Illinois September 6, 1967. During World War II he served as a flight surgeon in the China-Burma-India Theatre. Later the family moved to Clinton, Illinois where Dr. Marvel was chief of staff at John Warner Hospital. He is a charter member of the American Academy of General Practice, a member of the American Medical Association and a past president of the DeWitt County Medical Society. Wiley and Kathryne Marvel were divorced and he married Freda (Benjamin) Clow in Monticello, Illinois on March 15, 1959. They made their home on East Jefferson Street in Clinton. During the flood in 1961 the house was moved from the foundation and required extensive repair work.

Dr. Marvel and his mother built a new house on the farm east of Waynesville. This house was destroyed by the tornado in 1968, as were most of the other farm buildings and some of the livestock. His home in Clinton was inundated by flood waters which followed the tornado. He had this house moved to the farm.

In February 1969 Dr. Marvel retired from active practice in Clinton and joined the staff of the Saltz-Guenther Clinic in Mountain Home, Arkansas. They have a beautiful home on Mallard Point Road, overlooking Lake Norfork at Mountain Home, Arkansas.

Wiley and Kathryne (Ellis) Marvel were the parents of 2 girls: Muriel L. and Sara D. Marvel.

Children of Charles and Ida (Gambrel) Marvel

12134-10-81 - William Earl Marvel, first child of Charles and Ida Marvel, was born October 20, 1913 on the Marvel homestead, Section 6, Barnett Township, DeWitt County, Illinois. He attended West Hull School and Waynesville Township High School. He was united in marriage to Susannabelle Irvine February 20, 1938 at the Methodist Church in Lincoln, Illinois. She was

born January 9, 1913 in Beason, Illinois, the daughter of John Thomas and Margaret (Roulston) Irvine. The following year they began farming southeast of Waynesville, living there four years. In 1943 they moved to the John T. Marvel farm, two and one-half miles south of Waynesville. While living there their house burned and a new one was built in 1950. In the spring of 1953, they purchased two hundred forty acres in Section 17, Barnett Township, DeWitt County, Illinois. Two years later they moved to this farm, where they lived in one of the oldest dwellings in the township. In 1959 they built a new, modern home, where they now live. They are members of the Waynesville Methodist Church, DeWitt County Farm Bureau, Masonic Lodge and Order of the Eastern Star No. 777 in Waynesville, Illinois.

William and Susannabelle (Irvine) Marvel had 2 sons: Larry L. and Charles T. Marvel.

12134-10-82 - Charlene Elizabeth Marvel, second child of Charles and Ida Marvel, was born August 28, 1915 near Waynesville, Illinois. She attended West Hull School and Waynesville Township High School. She married Lorin L. Leach in Lincoln, Illinois September 29, 1935. He was born February 17, 1916, the son of Clarence Meredith and Rose (Conover) Leach. This marriage was dissolved June 24, 1954. She married Douglas S. Hunting on July 27, 1957. He was the son of Emerson E. and Adeline Hunting and was born May 21, 1913. They reside in Chicago, Illinois.

Lorin and Charlene (Marvel) Leach adopted a daughter: Connie Sue Leach.

12134-10-83 - Leona Frances Marvel, third child of Charles and Ida Marvel, was born January 6, 1918 near Waynesville, Illinois. She graduated from West Hull School and Waynesville Township High School. She married James Glendon Bicknell on January 11, 1936 in Lincoln, Illinois. He was born July 20, 1912 in Bureau County, Illinois, the son of Charles and Linda (Shifflet) Bicknell. In 1949 they purchased one hundred twenty acres near Atlanta, Eminence Township, Logan County, Illinois. They built a new farm home in 1951. They also own eighty acres east of Atlanta, which they purchased from his father in 1961. They are members of the Eminence Christian Church.

James and Leona (Marvel) Bicknell had 3 children: Carol A., Jack E. and James W. Bicknell.

12134-10-84 - Wayne Thompson Marvel, fourth child of Charles and Ida Marvel, was born July 24, 1924 near Waynesville, Illinois. He attended West Hull School and graduated from Waynesville Township High School. He served in the US Navy during World War II on a carrier in the Pacific theatre. He married Shirley Rose Gordon on August 5, 1944 in Corpus Christi, Texas. She was the daughter of Gilbert and Elsie (Foote) Gordon and was born in Logan County, Illinois April 3, 1925. Following his discharge from the Navy they made their home in Chicago, Illinois, where he was employed by a trucking firm. About 1955 they returned to Waynesville, and farmed the Marvel home-stead, until it was sold in 1965. This land, which had been the home of the Marvels for four generations, was purchased by David and Robert Drake of Beason, Illinois. On July 17, 1967 the home was destroyed by fire and marked the passing of another landmark in the vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Marvel bought a home south of Lincoln, Illinois, on Primm Road, where they now live. He is employed by Caterpiller Tractor Company. They also own and operate a restaurant in Lincoln, Illinois.

Wayne and Shirley (Gordon) Marvel had 3 children: Terry, Jerry and Ida Renee Marvel.

12134-10-85 - Emma Jean Marvel, fifth child of Charles and Ida Marvel, was born near Waynesville, Illinois March 31, 1926. She was united in marriage to Charles William Graham at the Methodist Church in Lincoln, Illinois on November 25, 1945. He was the son of William and Ella (Hardesty) Graham and was born in McLean, Illinois May 3, 1923. They live on their own farm northeast of Arrowsmith, Illinois. They belong to the Methodist Church, also the Farm and Home Bureau.

Charles and Emma Jean (Marvel) Graham were the parents of 4 children: Pamela, Patricia, Michael and Charles W. Graham, Jr.

12134-10-86 - Ada Marie Marvel, sixth child of Charles and Ida Marvel, was born near Waynesville, Illinois June 20, 1927. She married Donald Warren Kindred, son of Elmer and Effie (Abner) Kindred, on March 19, 1944 at Norman, Oklahoma. He was born September 15, 1924 near Hallsville, Illinois. He enlisted in the US Marine Corps September 3, 1943 and served on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific. He was discharged at Great Lakes Naval Center, April 1, 1946, with the rank of Sgt. Mr. and Mrs. Kindred live on a farm near Arrowsmith, Illinois. They also own one hundred acres in Section 23, Arrowsmith Township, McLean County, Illinois. He is a member of the

Christian Church in Heyworth, Illinois and a Legion member of Witt Webber Carrol Post #617 of Arrowsmith. She is a member of the Waynesville Methodist Church and a member of the Legion Auxiliary.

Donald and Ada (Marvel) Kindred had 5 sons: Garry D., Dale W., Gordon R., Robert A. and Kevin R. Kindred.

12134-10-87 - Wanda Louise Marvel, youngest child of Charles and Ida Marvel, was born near Waynesville, Illinois on January 16, 1931. She lived on the Marvel homestead until she was twelve years of age. At that time her parents retired to Waynesville, Illinois. She attended West Hull School for seven years and finished grade school in Waynesville. She graduated from Waynesville Township High School in 1948. On May 26, 1951 she was united in marriage to Donald Zurkamer at St. Patrick's Church in Lincoln, Illinois. He was born June 6, 1927 at Lincoln. They purchased a home in Lincoln and in 1961 bought their present home on West 3rd Street in Lincoln. He has been associated with the dairy business for fifteen years and is a route salesman with Meadow Gold. She is employed at Lehn and Fink, Lincoln, Illinois.

Donald and Wanda (Marvel) Zurkamer were the parents of 4 children: Steven K., Mark D., Janice L. and Cathleen R. Zurkamer.

Children of James, Jr. and Verna Belle (Marvel) Steven.

12134-10-91 - Marvel Elizabeth Steven, first child of James, Jr. and Verna Steven, was born in Palos Park, Illinois May 6, 1906. She graduated from Morgan Park High School in Chicago, Illinois, Frances Shimer School for Girls, Mt. Carrol and received her Bachelor of Arts degree from University of Chicago. After a summer tour of Europe, Marvel Steven was employed by Marshall Field and Company of Chicago. About 1945 she went to Charlottesville, Virginia, where she and her sister owned and operated a gift shop. Marvel Steven died in Charlottesville, Virginia August 18, 1962. Cremation. Burial in Mausoleum Park Cemetery, Clinton, Illinois. She was unmarried.

12134-10-92 - Gladys Louise Steven, youngest child of James, Jr. and Verna Steven, was born in Chicago, Illinois May 27, 1910. She was interested in music and when they were living in St. Louis, Missouri, she was a special student at St. Louis Musical College and received a Teacher's Certificate in Music

in June 1926. The following year she graduated from Morgan Park High School, Chicago, Illinois. After attending Frances Shimer School for Girls, she graduated from University of Chicago. She remained in Chicago for a few years, then went to Bennington, Vermont, where she was associated with Bennington College. About 1945 she moved to Charlottesville, Virginia with her mother and sister. They purchased a colonial home in this historic area. They lived on the upper floors and converted the first floor into a unique gift shop. Address: 215 - 4th Street NE.

GRANDCHILDREN OF GEORGE AND LOUISA (HOUCHIN) MARVEL

Children of Herbert M. and Mary Jane (Marvel) Travis

12134-11-31 - Ida Travis, first child of Herbert and Mary J. Travis, was born August 5, 1885 near Phillips, Nebraska. On October 7, 1908 she married John M. Hanson at Phillips, Nebraska. They made their home in Davey, Nebraska, where Mr. Hanson was a stockholder and cashier of the Farmers State Bank. After he retired they moved to Lincoln, Nebraska. They were members of the Warren Methodist Church in Lincoln. John M. Hanson died in Lincoln May 27, 1962. He was born in Davey, Nebraska June 5, 1885. Ida (Travis) Hanson died September 29, 1962. They were buried in the Masonic section of Wyuka Cemetery, Lincoln, Nebraska.

John M. and Ida (Travis) Hanson were the parents of 2 children: Herbert L. and Bernice A. Hanson.

12134-11-32 - George Lester Travis, second child of Herbert and Mary J. Travis, was born near Phillips, Nebraska February 27, 1890. He grew to manhood on the family farm. On October 23, 1913 he married Inez Beers in Lincoln, Nebraska. Mr. Travis worked as a mechanic and the young couple lived in several places, before settling in Lincoln, Nebraska. He was employed as a maintenance engineer of the Nebraska Capitol building, one of the most unusual examples of modern architecture at the time. After his retirement Mr. and Mrs. Travis moved to Alix, Arkansas.

George L. and Inez (Beers) had no children and adopted a daughter, Louise Travis.

12134-11-33 - Hattie May Travis, third child of Herbert and Mary J. Travis, was born February 23, 1895 near Phillips, Nebraska. Like other members of her family, she was interested in music. On April 19, 1914 she married Leon G. Beers. On this date fifty years earlier her grandparents, George and Louvisa (Houchin) Marvel, had been married while he was serving in the Civil War. Mr. and Mrs. Beers made their home in Lincoln, Nebraska, where he was a chef. Hattie May (Travis) Beers died in Lincoln, January 18, 1918 and was buried in Phillips, Nebraska. She was preceded in death by an infant son.

Leon and Hattie (Travis) Beers were the parents of 2 children: Lucile G. and an unnamed son, who died at birth.

12134-11-34 - Fern Travis, fourth child of Herbert and Mary J. Travis, was born October 2, 1902 near Phillips, Nebraska. She married Erwin Otto Carlson on August 27, 1923. They made their home in Aurora, where Mr. Carlson was in charge of the butter-making department of the creamery. Within two years they moved to Davey, Nebraska, where he was in the same work. They lived in Ord and then moved to O'Neill, Nebraska, where he was manager of the Harding Creamery. They were members of the Methodist Church. Erwin O. Carlson died in O'Neill March 21, 1954 and was buried in Wyuka Cemetery, Lincoln, Nebraska. He was born April 13, 1902 in Lincoln. Fern Carlson now makes her home in Lincoln, Nebraska. Address - 5618 Huntington Avenue.

Erwin O. and Fern (Travis) Carlson were the parents of 3 children: Jean D., Darlene F. and Erwin C. Carlson.

Child of Fred and Hattie (Marvel) Nielsen

12134-11-61 - Ida Faye Nielsen, adopted daughter of Fred and Hattie Nielsen, was born January 25, 1898 in Moscow, Idaho. She was adopted February 10, 1908 and her name changed from Ida Faye Travis to Ida Faye Nielsen. She married Fred H. Brinkman on October 15, 1919. They lived on the Nielsen farm until 1941, when they moved to Fairbury, Nebraska.

Fred and Ida Faye (Nielsen) Brinkman had one son: Dale N. Brinkman.

Children of William P. and Wilhelmina (Sudermeier) Marvel.

12134-11-71 - Beth Irene Marvel, oldest child of William and Wilhelmina Marvel was born in Phillips, Nebraska May 3, 1910.

She married Murel S. Nelson and was divorced. On July 27, 1934 she married William Clarence Meahan at Central City, Nebraska. He was born in Albion, Nebraska September 25, 1905. He is a switchman for the Union Pacific Railroad. They live in Beatrice, Nebraska. Address: 332 West Court Street.

Murel S. and Beth (Marvel) Nelson had 1 daughter: Betty J. Nelson. William and Beth (Marvel) Meahan had 2 sons: William C., Jr. and Robert L. Meahan.

12134-11-72 - Gladys Louvisa Marvel, second child of William and Wilhelmina Marvel, was born in Phillips, Nebraska November 18, 1912. She married Gordon William Anderson December 18, 1949 at the Methodist Church in Grand Island, Nebraska. He was born in Osceola, Nebraska December 24, 1917. During World War II he served in the 9th Armoured Division of the Army. He has been employed by the Union Pacific Railroad since 1941. Gladys Anderson is a beautician and in later years had the Beauty Shop in the Lakeview Nursing Home. It was here she met Stella (Marvel) Lawson and became acquainted with the family. After retiring as a beautician Gladys Anderson has continued her visits to Lakeview and assists the recreation director. They are members of Trinity Methodist Church. He is a member of the Masonic Order and they belong to the Order of the Eastern Star in Chapman, Nebraska. They own their home in Grand Island, Nebraska. Address: 607 West 16th Street. They have no children.

12134-11-73 - Agnes Marie Marvel, third child of William and Wilhelmina Marvel, was born July 17, 1915 in Phillips, Nebraska. She married Elmer Joseph O'Neill in St. Paul, Nebraska on October 11, 1936. They made their home in Grand Island, Nebraska, where he was employed by the Union Pacific Railroad. They were later transferred to Cheyenne, Wyoming and returned to Grand Island about 1954. Elmer J. O'Neill died March 10, 1962 in Grand Island, Nebraska. He was born July 4, 1915. Agnes O'Neill lives in Grand Island. Address: 312 West 9th Street.

Elmer and Agnes O'Neill were the parents of 5 children: Russell J., Peggy M., Edward E., Sheryl A. and Gordon L. O'Neill.

12134-11-74 - Charles Edward Marvel, fourth child and only son of William and Wilhelmina Marvel, was born April 8, 1922 in Phillips, Nebraska. He served in the Navy during World War II. He married Valerie Irene Pritekel in Denver, Colorado

on May 1, 1945. After his discharge from the Navy they made their home in Kansas City, Missouri and he resumed his work with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. He is now a Long Lines Engineer in the special design department of that company. In 1967 Charles Marvel and a fellow worker, Joseph Picha, developed the "Brailiter", at the suggestion of R. H. Ohlsen, Superintendent of the Kansas State School for the Blind in Kansas City, Kansas. This electronic device is used as a learning technique for teachers working with blind persons. It makes it easier for sighted persons to transfer print into Braille writing. The "Brailiter" was presented to the Kansas State School for the Blind in behalf of the Gleed Chapter of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvel are members of the Catholic Church. They own their home in Prairie Village, Kansas - 7625 Juniper Street.

Charles E. and Valerie (Pritekel) Marvel had 2 sons: William M. and Charles P. Marvel.

DESCENDANT OF I. FAYE (NIELSEN) BRINKMAN

12134-11-711 - Dale Nielsen Brinkman, only child of Fred and Ida Faye (Nielsen) Brinkman, was born November 25, 1924 in Fairbury, Nebraska. He graduated from Fairbury High School in 1941. He attended Fairbury Junior College and University of Nebraska. He has been employed by Fairbury State Bank, Fairbury, Nebraska, since October 1947. He is unmarried and lives with his parents.

DESCENDANTS OF BETH IRENE (MARVEL) NELSON - MEAHAN

12134-11-711 - Betty Jean Nelson, only child of Murel S. and Beth Irene (Marvel) Nelson, was born May 24, 1932 in Grand Island, Nebraska. She married Robert Edwin Brethouwer in Grand Island, Nebraska on September 22, 1949. He was born July 22, 1930 in Panama, Nebraska. They live in Lincoln, Nebraska. Robert E. and Betty Jean Brethouwer had 6 children: Terry L., Robert C., Carolyn J., Charles E., Jeffery C. and Tammy J. Brethouwer.

12134-11-7111 - Terry Lee Brethouwer, first child of Robert E. and Betty Jean (Nelson) Brethouwer, was born September 5, 1950 in Lincoln, Nebraska. He married Joslyn Palmer on November 23, 1968. They had 1 child: Timothy Lee Brethouwer, born April 19, 1969.

12134-11-7112 - Robert Charles Brethouwer, second child of Robert E. and Betty Jean Brethouwer, was born October 18, 1954 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

12134-11-7113 - Carolyn Jean Brethouwer, third child of Robert E. and Betty Jean Brethouwer, was born December 6, 1959 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

12134-11-7114 - Charles Edwin Brethouwer, fourth child of Robert E. and Betty Jean Brethouwer, was born July 17, 1961 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

12134-11-7115 - Jeffery Charles Brethouwer, fifth child of Robert E. and Betty Jean Brethouwer, was born July 13, 1965 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

12134-11-7116 - Tammy Jo Brethouwer, sixth child of Robert E. and Betty Jean Brethouwer, was born September 11, 1969 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

12134-11-712 - William Clarence Meahan, Jr., first child of William C. and Beth Irene (Marvel) Maehan, was born July 27, 1936 in Grand Island, Nebraska. He married Sara Marie Coble on February 14, 1959 in Springfield, Missouri. They made their home in Springfield, where he was employed by Lily Cup Corporation. When he was transferred to Lincoln, Nebraska, they moved to Pleasant Dale and are now living in Garland, Nebraska. They had 3 children: Richard Lee Maehan, born November 23, 1959 in Springfield, Missouri; Scott Allen Meahan, born November 30, 1960 in Springfield, Missouri and Shannon Michel Meahan, born November 8, 1968 in Seward, Nebraska.

12134-11-713 - Robert Lee Meahan, second child of William C. and Beth Irene Meahan, was born April 13, 1938 in Grand Island, Nebraska. He married Wanda Randolph, daughter of William and Margaret (Wilbur) Randolph, in Grand Island, Nebraska on December 29, 1962. She was born December 10, 1943 in Dannabrog, Nebraska. They live in Grand Island, Nebraska.

DESCENDANTS OF AGNES (MARVEL) O'NEILL

12134-11-731 - Russel Jack O'Neill, first child of Elmer J. and Agnes (Marvel) O'Neill, was born August 16, 1937 in Grand Island, Nebraska. He married Frances L. Jones on March 3, 1962 in Long Beach, California. She was born October 31, 1942 in Texas. They live in Mission Hills, California. They had 3 children: Catherine Diane O'Neill, born June 26, 1963 in Long Beach, California; Steven Russel O'Neill, born June 23, 1965 in Long Beach, California and Michel O'Neill, born July 28, 1969.

12134-11-732 - Peggy Marie O'Neill, second child of Elmer J. and Agnes O'Neill, was born August 15, 1941 in Grand Island, Nebraska. She married Doyle Leonard Brundage at Grand Island, Nebraska on August 31, 1958. They had 3 children: Kathy Kay Brundage, born February 22, 1959 in Beatrice, Nebraska; Dianne Lynn Brundage, born February 8, 1960 in Grand Island, Nebraska and David Leonard Brundage, born June 21, 1961 in Grand Island, Nebraska.

12134-11-733 - Edward Elmer O'Neill, third child of Elmer J. and Agnes O'Neill, was born March 12, 1947 in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

12134-11-734 - Sheryl Ann O'Neill, fourth child of Elmer J. and Agnes O'Neill, was born December 24, 1950 in Cheyenne, Wyoming. She married Ronald Merle Brundage on July 20, 1968 in Cairo, Nebraska. They had 1 child: Devin Merle Brundage, born August 31, 1969 in Grand Island, Nebraska.

12134-11735 - Gordon Lee O'Neill, youngest child of Elmer J. and Agnes O'Neill, was born November 5, 1955 in Grand Island, Nebraska. He lives at home with his mother in Grand Island.

DESCENDANTS OF CHARLES E. MARVEL

12134-11-741 - William Michael Marvel, first child of Charles E. and Valerie (Pritekel) Marvel, was born June 16, 1946 in Kansas City, Missouri. During his senior year in Shawnee-Mission High School, Mission, Kansas, he was commander of the Shawnee Mission Civil Air Patrol squadron and in July 1964 participated in the annual international cadet exchange program in Portugal. He graduated from the Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering. On June 4, 1969, as a "Distinguished Graduate" he received his diploma from President Richard Nixon. On January 21, 1970 he received a master of science degree in Aeronautics and Astronautics from Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana. Since February 3, 1970 he has been stationed at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California.

12134-11-742 - Charles Patrick Marvel, youngest child of Charles E. and Valerie Marvel, was born January 28, 1948 in Kansas City, Missouri. He graduated from Shawnee Mission High School, Mission, Kansas in June 1966 and enlisted in the United States Navy. He was aboard the nuclear powered aircraft carrier "Enterprise" and survived the fires and explosions, which occurred January 14, 1969, near the island of Kahoolawe, in the Pacific Ocean. After the Enterprise was repaired in Pearl Harbor, it went back to the war zone, near Vietnam, before returning to United States in July 1969. In January 1970 C. Patrick Marvel went aboard the "America", an aircraft carrier and returned to the South China Sea area, near Vietnam. In the fall of 1970, when his navy enlistment is completed, he plans to enter college.

This concludes the history of the descendants of Prettyman Marvel, Jr. (1801-1842), as of June 1970, plus the early history of the Marvel family line. There have been some errors and omissions. We suggest each person make the additions and corrections in his own volume.

We thank everyone who has helped in the collection of this material and made the printing of the Marvel History possible.

We hope this book will stimulate descendants of this ancient family to fully realize their heritage and to appreciate it more. We wish each member of the Marvel Historical Society continued interest and pleasure in collecting and preserving our family history for future generations.

"What is this heritage we speak about? It is an honorable parentage. It is the faith of our fathers in God. It is the freedoms we enjoy in this great land. It is the rules of peace, progress and happiness handed down from the experience of our ancestors.

These priceless gifts have been bequeathed to us. Now what do we do with them? Is a good heritage something we should smugly brag about? Is it something we should take for granted as though we had it coming as a matter of course? Or is it a challenge to us - a responsibility as well as a valued possession?

Responsibility is involved. The responsibility to accept the truths our parents have proved - to accept the standard of honesty and brotherly love - to emulate their good works - to be true to the faith which they cherished and to live the kind of lives they would be proud to have us live.

To carry forward the good name our forebearers gave us - to leave it as honorable as it was given to us - to impress our children and grandchildren with its value. This is our challenge and responsibility."

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1. John Shrader Marvel page

John Shrader Marvel, the oldest son of Prettyman and Rebecca (Barr) Marvel, was born March 14, 1824, near Owensville, Gibson County, Indiana. He came with his parents to their home near Pilot Grove in February, 1826, where he grew to the years of young manhood, learning by experience the various phases of pioneer life in a new land, by his years of living and laboring on his father's homestead, which was located about one mile south of the present village of Waynesville, in DeWitt County, Illinois. John Shrader Marvel was much loved by his younger brothers and sisters in the home; they enjoyed going into the field or garden to work under the direction of their elder brother, as with an understanding of child nature, he gave them something to look forward to, by promising to tell them a story after an allotted amount of work was accomplished--the task finished, the story was always forthcoming while they rested.

On July 25, 1847, John Shrader Marvel married Jane Roberts, daughter of Elisha and Elizabeth (Montgomery) Roberts. John S. Marvel and his betrothed wife, accompanied by five or six couples, rode on horseback to Postville (now Lincoln, Illinois) a distance of 20 miles, where they were united in marriage. The bride was born April 19, 1829 near Owensville, Gibson County, Indiana; at the age of seventeen she came to Illinois with her uncle, Joseph Williams and family, riding most of the distance of two hundred miles, on the noted race mare "Burnthead," which was owned by her Uncle Joseph. After her arrival in Illinois she made her home with her relative, Thomas Maddox, until the time of her marriage to Mr. Marvel. After this they bought 160 acres of raw prairie land, 3½ miles southeast of Waynesville, Illinois, in section eight, Barrett township, DeWitt County. Eighty acres of this land Mr. Marvel entered from the government at \$1.25 per acre, this is now owned by their son, Thomas Marvel. They built a log cabin on this prairie land and moved in to begin life as one of the pioneer families of Illinois. Mrs. Marvel hauled rails with an ox team to make a fence around the log house for the purpose of keeping out the cattle that were running at large over the prairie. Their four children were born in this log cabin home, namely: 1, Rebecca; 2, William Thomas; 3, Elisha Roberts; 4, Sarah Elizabeth. After the birth of the last named daughter, John Shrader Marvel planted four evergreen trees in his yard--one for each child. The tree claimed by William Thomas Marvel is still standing, although badly damaged by the severe sleet storm of December, 1924. In 1858 a modern brick building replaced the old log house. Having overcome all the difficulties and privations known only to pioneers, and standing on the threshold of a prosperous future, Mrs. Marvel was left a widow at the age of thirty-two, by the death of her husband, John Shrader Marvel, December 10, 1861. John S. Marvel was about 5 feet and 6 inches tall, very heavy built, dark eyes and hair, with a large square forehead. He had unusual business ability and was a fine conversationalist, being well read in all kinds of literature of that day. December 27, 1865, Mrs. Marvel married Franklin Crawford. They remained on the farm until 1882, when they bought a comfortable home in the village of

Waynesville, where Mrs. Crawford died July 11, 1890, at the age of 61 years, 2 months and 22 days, and was laid to rest beside the husband of her youth, in the Evergreen Cemetery, at Waynesville, Illinois.

2. James Marvel page

James Marvel, the second child of Prettyman Marvel Jr. and Rebecca Barr, was born near Springfield Illinois, October 29, 1825. He was married to Maria Gambrel on July 15, 1847. Nine children were born to this union, as follows:

Thompson, Oct. 1, 1848; Nancy Jane, April 10, 1850; William P., November 25, 1851; Henry, Jan. 22, 1855, who died March 6, 1856; Rebecca Elizabeth, Jan. 14, 1857; James Wiley, Dec. 23, 1858; Mary Ann, Sept. 16, 1859, who died March 10, 1867; Stephen D., October 12, 1860; and John S. July 10, 1862.

Maria Gambrel, wife of James Marvel born Sept. 27, 1829, was a daughter of Col. Thompson Gambrel and Elizabeth Roberts (a daughter of John Roberts, Sr., born in 1807). Thompson Gambrel was born on Aug. 22, 1806 in Kentucky, died Aug. 30, 1877 in DeWitt Co., Ill. William Gambrel Sr., father of Thompson, came to Indiana from Kentucky in 1807, married Winifred Elkins from South Carolina.

The James Marvel homestead was the east 160 acres of the farm of his father, lying about one half mile south of Waynesville.

Shortly after the close of the Civil War, James Marvel went out into the new prairie country in Vermillion Co., Illinois, and purchased 240 acres of land, which he afterwards divided among Thompson, William P., James W. and Rebecca Elizabeth.

In 1861 when Thompson Marvel was 13, and William P. was 10, they took charge of the farm as their father had met with an accident in which he was struck with a buggy tongue in the back. From this a tumor developed which caused his death in 1876. After his death, the wife, who had a life estate in the home place, remained on the same, and Stephen D. and John S. were to take care of her.

James Marvel and his wife went to housekeeping on 160 acres of land in Section 7, Barnett Township; they lived here until 1858, when he traded with his brother, Prettyman Marvel, for the east 160 acres of their father's old homestead in Waynesville Township, which became his permanent home until death. About the year 1868, he purchased 240 acres of land in Vermillion County, Illinois, which was farmed by his older sons and son-in-law. He met with an accident in 1861 which caused him to be an invalid the rest of his life. He died February 6, 1876. James Marvel was a man of good business judgment and was a successful farmer. He was an accommodating

neighbor, a kind husband and father, amiable in disposition; he bore his long affliction with Christian fortitude. One of his younger brothers said of him that it required no effort for his brother "Jim" to be good, as he was just naturally good. After the death of her husband the wife carried on the business of the farm, assisted by her younger sons. In 1883 they disposed of their holdings in Illinois and removed to Hamilton County, Nebraska, where they acquired a large ranch and became influential farmers in that section of the country. Maria (Gambrel) Marvel died at her home near Giltner, Nebraska, March 30, 1898. She was laid to rest beside her husband in the Evergreen Cemetery at Waynesville, Illinois. She was born in Gibson County, Indiana, September 27, 1829.

3. Nancy Marvel page

Nancy Marvel, the third child of Prettyman and Rebecca (Barr) Marvel, was born November 4, 1827, her birth being an event in the lives of the pioneers, as she was the first white child to be born in the newly settled County of DeWitt. On December 12, 1844, when 17 years of age, she married William Teal, son of Adam and Hannah (Gudgel) Teal, who were originally from Pennsylvania, but had emigrated to Indiana, where the son William was born, August 18, 1818. William Teal left Indiana in 1843, riding the distance of two hundred miles on horseback in the company of his friend, John Mason Armstrong, who settled near Stanford; but Mr. Teal came direct to DeWitt County, where he married Nancy Marvel, the following year. The young couple started housekeeping on New Year's day in a portion of the Marvel house, living there two years. They then bought two hundred acres of land near Waynesville after living two years on a rented farm at Pilot Grove. Mr. Teal traded his farm for a better one, now known as the Wiley Marvel farm, giving John Cuppy, the former owner of the place, forty dollars in addition to his two hundred acres, for a tract of one hundred and sixty acres. The Teals lived here until 1851, when they bought eighty acres, now known as the Bowles farm. Later they purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, which became part of the Jones Estate. Finally in 1854, they bought the farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which is known as the Teal homestead, and where their three sons, John T., and Henry M. and Wiley M., grew to manhood.

William Teal died in 1897, at the old homestead, where he had lived for 43 years. He was a very kindly and hospitable gentleman, and greatly enjoyed greeting his friends with a hearty handshake. Nancy (Marvel) Teal, departed this life May 7, 1913 at the home of Mrs. Braxton Marvel, in Waynesville, Illinois.

A large gathering was present on Friday of last week in the Presbyterian church at Waynesville, Ill., at the funeral services of Mrs. Nancy Teal to pay their last tribute of respect to the memory of this noble woman and pioneer resident of this county.

The following sketch of the life of the deceased was read at the funeral:

Mrs. Nancy Marvel Teal, wife of the late William Teal, and daughter of the late Prettyman and Rebecca (Barr) Marvel, was born about a half a mile southwest of Waynesville, Illinois, November 4, 1827, being the first white child born in DeWitt County, and passed out of her earth life at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Braxton Marvel, in Waynesville, Illinois, a little before midnight, Wednesday, May 7, 1913, being 85 years, 6 months and 3 days of age at the time of her death.

She was the third child of ten children, five sons and five daughters, of whom Rebecca Loer, of Tabor, Ill., and Mrs. George Marvel of Phillips, Neb., are the only survivors.

She was joined in marriage with the late William Teal, who preceded her into the world beautiful November 1, 1897, on December 12, 1844 and for nearly 53 years she lovingly and faithfully shared the arduous and trying responsibilities of their congenial marital relations.

There were born to them in this union three sons, namely: John T., of Webster City, Iowa; Henry M., deceased; and Wiley M. who resides on the old home farm, four and one-half miles south of Waynesville, Illinois.

After their marriage they resided on different farms until 1855, when they made a permanent settlement on the farm four and one-half miles south of this city, where they lived until the death of the husband in 1897, where mother Teal continued her residence until about two months ago, or for 58 years, when she came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Braxton Marvel, of Waynesville, Illinois.

She had been in good health during the most of her life, suffering only from ailments incident to the infirmities of age during the past year and a half, until just about two weeks ago, when she sustained an injury by a fall, since which time she gradually receded from us and entered "the land that is fairer than day."

Mother Teal became a Christian when she was thirteen years of age, and about the time of her marriage, in 1844, her husband acknowledged the Christ as his Savior, they united with the Methodist church in Waynesville, Illinois. A number of years later, during a great revival under the auspices of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, at Midland City, Illinois, their sons being converted, the family joined that church, and there she held her membership at the time of her death. During all these years, in sun and storm, like a rock in mid ocean, never moved by the sweeping waves, she lived a serene, unshaken, immovable and useful Christian life. Her life was a life of ministry to the sick, alleviation of distress and undying comfort to the dying. Some one has said, "The winter was not too cold, the snow and mud too deep, to keep Aunt Nancy from the homes of the needy and the bedsides of the suffering.

Besides her brother and two sisters, and her two sons, she leaves twelve grand-children and twelve great-grand-children to mourn her loss.

Out into the "world beautiful" has gone a kind neighbor, a loving and faithful wife, an affectionate and devoted mother.

"Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and praiseth her."--Prov. 31:28.

4. Unnamed son page

Unnamed son of Prettyman and Rebecca (Barr) Marvel, twin to Nancy, born November 4, 1827, died in infancy, and was buried in Pilot Cemetery.

5. Cynthia Marvel page

Cynthia Marvel, the fifth child of Prettyman and Rebecca (Barr) Marvel, was born January 29, 1830. On May 15, 1848, she married Montgomery Warrick, Jr., son of Jacob G. and Patsey (Shelton) Warrick, who was born in Indiana, January 26, 1828. They lived on a farm near Postville, now Lincoln, Illinois, but the happiness of the young couple was of short duration, as Montgomery Warrick died December 18, 1848, and Cynthia (Marvel) Warrick returned to her father's old home near Waynesville, Illinois, where on November 7, 1949, she married Ira Armstrong, son of Kirby and Miranda C. (Gambrel) Armstrong. Ten children were born to this union, three of whom died in infancy unnamed. Cynthia (Marvel) Armstrong died near Clinton, Illinois, October 16, 1868, and was laid to rest in the Union Cemetery at Waynesville, Illinois. Mr. Armstrong afterwards married Annie M. Gambrel, the widow of Thompson Gambrel. (This Thompson Gambrel was the son of Henry Gambrel, Sr., of Indiana).

Ira Francis Armstrong died in Clinton, Illinois, July 12, 1889, and was buried beside the wife of his youth, in the Union Cemetery at Waynesville, Illinois.

6. Lavina Marvel page

Lavina Marvel, the sixth child of Prettyman and Rebecca (Barr) Marvel, a twin to Cynthia, was born January 29, 1830. On May 15, 1848, there was a double wedding at the Prettyman Marvel homestead, when Lavina Marvel became the bride of Archer Evans, and her twin sister Cynthia, married Montgomery Warrick, Jr., as related above. Archer Evans and wife started housekeeping in Postville (now Lincoln, Ill.) where Mr. Evans was engaged in the mercantile business, but the happiness of the young bride was cut short by the death of her husband September 4, 1848. He was born November 4, 1826.

Lavina Evans returned to the old home, and the next summer, she and her sister, Mrs. Warrick, visited their many relatives in Indiana. A revival meeting was in progress at the Mount Zion camp grounds during their visit, and Mrs. Permelia Jones of Midland City, Ill. (now in her 90th year), recalls seeing the "Marvel Twins" on the campground. They were dressed in full mourning and attracted much notice.

On September 30, 1849, Lavina (Marvel) Evans married John Armstrong, son of Kirby and Miranda C. (Gambrel) Armstrong. They went to housekeeping on a farm near Sugar Creek, close to Atlanta, Ill. They removed after a short time to Shelby County, near Shelbyville, where they remained several years, then came to Logan County, near Beason, Ill. In 1886, John Armstrong purchased 160 acres of prairie land north of Farmer City, Ill., just over the line in the edge of McLean County, and moved there after building a house, intending to make his permanent home; but in 1870, James Gillerson Armstrong, the unmarried son in the home of Kirby and Miranda (Gambrel) Armstrong, suddenly passed away from earthly life, leaving the aged parents, and an unmarried daughter in the home near Hallsville. After this sad event, they wished to live near their son, John and to that end both disposed of their holdings in DeWitt and McLean Counties, and purchased 240 acres of land in Vermillion County, near where the town of Armstrong was afterwards located. Kirby Armstrong built a commodious two-story house on 40 acres of this land, and the two families settled down in their new homes only to have their plans sadly broken by the death of John Armstrong on February 3, 1873. There followed in rapid succession, the death of Mary Jane Armstrong, the unmarried sister, and her mother, Miranda C. (Gambrel) Armstrong, wife of Kirby Armstrong; the three deaths occurring in the short period of two weeks. This broke up the home of Kirby Armstrong and left Lavina (Marvel) Armstrong a widow for the second time. On March 21, 1875, she married William Hornbeck, who died in 1883. He was born in West Virginia in 1822. Mrs. Hornbeck's last years were spent in Waynesville, Ill., within one-quarter of a mile of the place of her birth. She passed away November 8, 1893, aged 63 years, 9 months and 9 days. The following verses were written in her memory:

MY FIRST FRIEND AND MY BEST

(A Tribute to Mother)

My first friend, and my best,--my Mother!
 A magic sweet, the name seems to possess.
 It e'er evokes some memory from the past,
 A loving word, a smile, or fond caress.
 Dear guardian of my youth, so patient, kind,--
 How long it seems since last I saw her face,
 Or knew the cheer her presence shed o'er all
 Beneath the roof-tree of the old home place.

How long since last I heard that soft-toned voice,
 Which oft in childhood lulled me to repose;
 Or felt the tender pressure of those hands,
 Which laved my brow and soothed my childish woes.
 Though years ago she bade us all farewell,
 We cherish still each dear familiar way;
 Her loving counsel and unceasing care,
 They, too, are green in memory today.

As an oblation, freely, gladly given,
 Did love and strength and life itself outpour.
 For family and friends, or neighbors' need,
 And e'en for passing stranger at her door,
 Though homely was the task, she gladly served,
 And ne'er by word or look did she repine;
 She went her daily round until God called--
 Then with assurance passed to life Divine.

It may be she who taught me how to walk,
 Beside the gate of Heaven keeps watch today.
 And as views our sphere mid circling orbs,
 E'en sees each step I take along life's way.
 Hers was the purest 'mong all earthly loves;
 Ne'er can her place be filled by any other;
 Methinks the first of earth I greet in Heaven,
 Will be my first friend, and my best,--my Mother!

--Ella A. Yeakel.

7. Prettyman Marvel page

Prettyman Marvel, the seventh child of Prettyman and Rebecca (Barr) Marvel was born on March 31, 1832, on the Marvel homestead near Waynesville, Ill. In the year 1853 he married Permelia Malone, daughter of Henry and Evaline (Gambrel) Malone. They lived southeast of Waynesville, their farm being about one-quarter of a mile distant from the home of his eldest brother, John Shrader Marvel. In 1820 he left Illinois, going to Nebraska where he farmed in Platte and Nance Counties. Permelia (Malone) Marvel died near Palmer, Neb., November 16, 1897. She was born in Indiana, December 27, 1840. Prettyman Marvel died in Los Angeles, California, March 7, 1913. During his last sickness he was tenderly cared for by his daughter, Dr. Sarah E. Morse.

At the time of the gold discovery at Pike's Peak, Colorado, Prettyman Marvel, as did many others, had roseate dreams of acquiring a fortune by digging gold from the earth, and concluded to make the great venture of crossing the plains. There was a party of six with five yoke of oxen, and wagons; they outfitted at St. Joe, Mo., and went by the way of old Ft. Kearney in Nebraska on the Platte River. They arrived at their destination but the gold proved elusive and when the party returned home in the fall, the only treasure they brought

back was a small vial of the precious metal, about enough to make a finger ring, which was in possession of Richard Botkin. All brought back, however, buffalo robes obtained by trading with the Indians, also many buffalo calf skins, tanned and ornamented by the Indians, with beads and paint. Prettyman Marvel had his made into a coat, which proving to be too small, he later sold to Hugh Swan.

8. Rebecca Marvel page

Rebecca Marvel, the eighth child of Prettyman and Rebecca (Barr) Marvel, was born near Waynesville, Ill., October 10, 1834. She remained at the old homestead longer than any of the Marvel daughters, but on December 28, 1854, she was united in marriage to Martin Loer, son of Thomas Loer, Sr., and Sarah (Patterson) Loer. Martin Loer was born in Hamilton County, Ohio, October 1, 1832; he died February 3, 1878, at his home in Taylorville, Ill., Christian County. Martin Loer was a soldier in the Civil War; he enlisted at Decatur, Ill., under Capt. William Winholtz, February 15, 1865; was discharged January 27, 1866, at Dalton, Georgia. After her husband's death Mrs. Loer resided in Waynesville, Ill., until her children came to years of maturity, when she with her family removed to Peoria, Ill., where her last years were spent. She died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. F. Armstrong, October 5, 1917. To the end of her life, she was very active and took a lively interest in affairs of the day. She was much loved by all her friends and relatives, both old and young.

On Saturday afternoon, Oct. 5, 1917, at 1:30 occurred the death of Aunt Rebecca Loer, one of the early residents of DeWitt County, at her Peoria home. The news of her demise came unexpectedly to many of her friends in this community, as the general impression was to the effect that her health, following an illness of several weeks, was much improved.

Funeral services were held at the home in Peoria, after which the body was brought to Waynesville, on the afternoon train Monday, and impressive obsequies were held at the M. E. church, with Dr. B. F. Shipp, of Bloomington, officiating. The large congregation present was an eloquent tribute to the memory of the departed one, and the remarks of Dr. Shipp, who knew the deceased intimately for many years, most effectively described the greatness of her life, measured by the Master's standard. The floral tributes were many and beautiful.

Obituary

Rebecca Marvel was born October 10, 1834, near Waynesville, and departed this life October 5, 1917, aged 83 years.

She was married to Martin Loer, December 28, 1854, the husband preceding her in death in the year 1878. Ten children were born to this union, two dying in infancy. Those who survive to mourn her

death are Mrs. W. F. Armstrong, Mrs. Wm. Jones, of Peoria, Mrs. Harry Ewing, of Marshalltown, Iowa; William, Ernst and Jesse Loer, who reside in Peoria and George Loerr, of Kansas City, Mo.; Thos. E. of Texas. She is also survived by twenty-nine grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

The deceased was a daughter of Prettyman and Rebecca Barr Marvel, and was one of ten children, only two of whom survive, George Marvel, of Phillips, Neb.; and Mrs. Mary Gambrel, of Tabor; who was constantly by her bedside during the closing days of her life.

She lived in the vicinity of Waynesville, Ill., for many years, but made her home for the past several years with her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Armstrong, of Peoria. During this period, she frequently visited relatives and friends in the vicinity of Waynesville.

Aunt Rebecca was truly a remarkable woman. She was a life long member of the Waynesville M. E. church, and for many years ministered to the sick and sorrowing, doing much towards brightening the pathway of those with whom she came in contact. Although eighty-three years of age, she was very active, keeping in touch with affairs of the day until the end. She never grew old in mind or spirit and was ever a bright companion for those who were her junior in years. Her passing marks an empty void in many hearts and her memory shines like a benediction over the lives of those who knew her and loved her best.

9. Mary Ann Marvel page

Mary Ann Marvel, the ninth child of Prettyman and Rebecca (Barr) Marvel, was born January 3, 1837. She was united in marriage to William Gambrel, son of Thompson and Elizabeth (Roberts) Gambrel, in 1852. They made their home about 3½ miles south of Waynesville, Ill., where Mr. Gambrel acquired a farm of 320 acres in Barnett Township. Mr. Gambrel held a majority of the township offices, serving as school director, highway commissioner and in various other capacities. He was elected County Treasurer in 1873, and was re-elected in 1875. He was nominated for State Senator on the Democratic ticket, but was defeated. During the last fifteen years of his life he lived retired from farming, devoting his attention to the grain business in Tabor, Ill. William Gambrel was born in Posey County, Ind., October 10, 1833, and died September 7, 1909.

Since her widowhood, Mrs. Gambrel has continued to reside in her home at Tabor, Ill. She and her youngest brother, George Marvel, of Phillips, Nebraska, are the only two of the children of Prettyman and Rebecca (Barr) Marvel who have lived to see the Centennial of the settlement near Waynesville, which was made by their parents in 1826. Mrs. Gambrel is one of the most estimable and genial of women, and her life has influenced the lives of many others for good.

10. Wiley Marvel page

Wiley Marvel, the tenth child of Prettyman and Rebecca (Barr) Marvel was born March 19, 1839. He remained at the old Marvel home-stead until August 25, 1864, when he was united in marriage with Elizabeth M. Williams, daughter of Moses and Catherine (McElhiney) Williams. They established their home about one mile and a half south of Waynesville, Illinois, in Barnett Township. It was here their ten children were born and reared to maturity, with the exception of the youngest, who died in infancy.

Elizabeth M. (Williams) Marvel died September 10, 1894. She was born in Waynesville Township, DeWitt County, Illinois, January 19, 1847.

She united with the Methodist Episcopal Church South, at Mt. Zion, shortly after her marriage, but on the organization of the Christian Church at Waynesville, she united with the new church by letter. She was a sincere Christian woman, and was ever ready to extend a helping hand to the needy or distressed. In April 1905, Wiley Marvel retired from the farm, and moved to the Village of Waynesville. He died at his home in that place July 2, 1906.

In the spheres of farmer, stock raiser, and trader, Mr. Marvel was eminently successful. He acquired large holdings of land in Barnett and Waynesville Townships, and shortly before his death, bought land in the State of Missouri, possessing in all some 1,400 acres. He gave help to many who were not so well situated financially as himself. He aided much in the building of the Christian Church edifice in Waynesville, and gave liberally to its support. He was a public spirited man, and gave his support to all enterprises for the good of the community.

He was one of the directors of the Waynesville State Bank, and when that institution was organized, he was chairman of the meeting; and he was also among those who were largely instrumental in building the Waynesville Academy, which gave much aid to the cause of education in DeWitt County and adjacent Counties. He possessed a keen intellect, was well informed on affairs of the State and Nation, and delighted to discuss some issue of the day with a friend or acquaintance.

11. George Marvel page

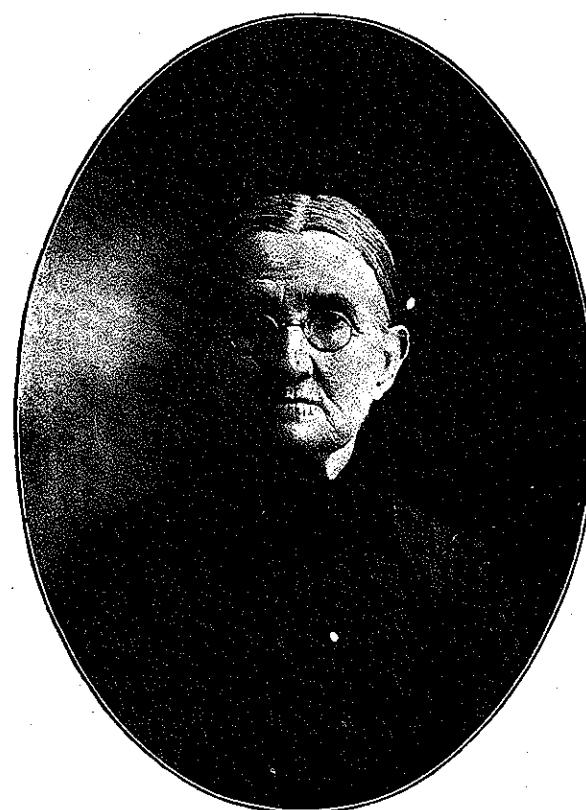
George Marvel, the eleventh child of Prettyman and Rebecca (Barr) Marvel, was born at Waynesville, Illinois, August 31, 1841. His early years were spent on the farm with his mother; his father having died in the year following his birth. In the spring of 1862, at the age of nineteen years, he enlisted as a soldier in the Union Army, March 12, becoming a member of Co. B. Second Illinois Cavalry. He did service under General Hulbert, Davies and Smith; the principal engagement in which he took part was the Battle of Shilo. Most of the service of

the divisions in which he did soldier duty was confined to Texas and the adjoining states. In April of the year 1864, he was granted a furlough. He returned to his home in Illinois to spend his days of relief. On the 19th day of that month he was united in marriage to Louisa Houchin. At the expiration of his thirty days off duty, he returned to the ranks where he remained until the winter of 1865, when he was mustered out at San Antonio, Texas. After being relieved of soldier duty, he returned immediately to his home in Illinois, where he followed farming, and later moved to Waynesville, Illinois, where he engaged in the mercantile business. In 1880 he moved to Nebraska where he followed farming for many years, but of late years he has been living a retired life in Phillips, Nebraska, where he owns property. George and Louisa (Houchin) Marvel were the parents of eight children, as follows: Rebecca, Elizabeth, Carrie Belle, Mary Jane, Stella May, Della Fay, Hattie Catherine, William Prettyman, and one child, unnamed who died in infancy.



Rebecca Marvel Loer

Age 82



Mrs. Nancy Marvel Teal

ADDENDUM:

**THE ANCESTRY OF
PAMELIA (MALONE) MARVEL
(1840-1898)**

In her book, *History of the Marvel Family* (written ca. 1920s) Mrs. Ella Armstrong Yeakel provided erroneous information about the ancestry of the wife of Prettyman Marvel, Junior. The following pages, excerpted from *The First Two Malone Families to Settle in Gibson County, Indiana Territory* by Steve Malone (2012), are included on the following pages to correct those errors.

Pamelia E. Malone married Prettyman Marvel, Junior, probably about the time of the Logan County, Illinois courthouse fire in 1857. No record of her marriage is found in Logan County or the abutting counties.

Pamelia's mother was Evalina Gambrel, a child of William and Winnefred (Elkins) Gambrel. Her first husband was William Andrew J. Malone. In addition to Pamelia, they had another daughter, Eliza Ann, who married Henry H. Horney.

After William died, Evalina married Charles Harrison, whom she divorced a short time later, as he had abandoned her and had threatened to kill her. Once her divorce was final in 1847 she and some of her brothers moved to De Witt County, Illinois. There she married William McCrary on 8 Mar 1849. They had one child together, Charles.

EVALINA (GAMBREL) MALONE HARRISON MCCRARY

The court record for Evalina Harrison and record of the marriage between “Malone, Evaline” and “Harrison, Charles H.” refer to the same person. To simplify things, Evalina and her first husband, William Andrew J. Malone, will be dealt with together:

WILLIAM ANDREW J. MALONE

The first mention of Wm. A. J. Malone is found in *Box 189, File 25 of Gibson*



County Court records. This was a case brought in 1838 by Thomas J. Malone against Wm. A. J. Malone, T. J. Malone and John Malone over the death of a horse that occurred shortly after it had been purchased.

Two years later, 1840 Census records for Gibson County list both an Andrew J. Malone and an A. J. Malone. In the previous section we ascertained that Andrew J. Malone from the 1840 Census is Andrew Jackson Malone, son of John Junior. Thus it would seem William A. J. Malone is a match for the latter, who matches the age and gender of that Census and those of unidentified child number five in the family of James Senior.

We find the following records in a relatively short span of time:

- A marriage between William A. J. Malone and “Evalina Gambril” (sic) on 30 Jan 1838.
- In the 1840 Census A.J. Malone was 20-29 years old and was living with his 15-19 year old wife in Montgomery Township, Gibson County, Indiana.
- Also in the 1840 Census, there is an Alanson Harrison (Charles’ brother?) living next to James Malone, Junior (William A. J.’s brother) and two doors down from Winnefred (Elkins) Gambrel (Evalina’s mother). One door farther down is Thompson Gambrel (Evalina’s 2nd eldest brother). Charles H. Harrison is listed on the next page of the 1840 Census.
- “Evaline Malone” married Charles H. Harrison on 11 Aug 1844 in Gibson County.
- William A. J. Malone doesn’t show up in the 1850 Census, which suggests that the “Evaline Malone” who married Charles Harrison was his widow. Thus he had died some time prior to 10 Aug 1844 (the day that her marriage license was issued).
- Evalina filed for divorce from Charles Harrison a few years later and a summons was issued for Charles Harrison (who seemingly no longer lived in Gibson County) to appear in court on 30 Aug 1847. Her specific complaints were contained in a written statement that can be found in *Box 213, File 40 of Gibson County Circuit Court* records, which is transcribed below:

*“To the Honorable the Judges of the Gibson Circuit Court in Chancery Sitting:
“Humbly complaining herewith unto your honors your matrix Evalina Harrison.
That she has resided in this state more than two years immediately preceding the
filing of this bill of complaint. And that she has been living all the time aforesaid
and she is a resident of the County of Gibson. Your matrix further shows to your*

Honors that heretofor to wit on the eleventh of August A. D. 1844 she intermarried with one Charles A. Harrison then of said County whom she prays may be made defendant to this her file of complaint. And that she co-habitated with the said Charles until about the (left blank) day of May 1845. And during all the time of the co-habitation aforesaid she demeaned herself in all respects as a faithful and prudent wife ought towards the said Charles. That during the time of the said co-habitation the said Charles forgetful of and disregarding his matrimonial obligations was guilty of excessive cruel and inhumane treatment towards your matrix so as to render it unsafe and improper for her to live with him in that he beat your matrix without any provocation on her part so as to inflict great bodily injury upon her and frequently threatened to take her life. And your matrix was at the time of said co-habitation apprehensive that he would carry his threats into execution or else injure her in such a manner as that the same would remain with her until the time of her death. That from these circumstances and from the fact that he refused to provide proper sustenance for her children a separation took place between them and that the said Charles has from that time until the present refused and neglected to provide for any maintenance for her or family and that they remain separated and apart from each other. In tender consideration thereof your matrix prays that he may answer to each allegation in this her file of complaint set forth, and that your honors would enquire into truth of the facts before stated. And with the same being found true, that your honors will decree that the said marriage contract (?) be annulled and held for naught. She further prays your honors will decree her a reasonable alimony in the (?) and for such further and other relief as the Justice of the case may require and deserve. And as in duty (?) she will ever pray.

“William (?) Montgomery

Evalina Harrison

“Sol for Compl”

The above complaint notes that Evalina only co-habitated with Charles Harrison until May 1845, that he was no longer supporting her or “their children,” and that he had threatened to kill her. With Evalina only having lived with Charles Harrison from Aug 1844 to May 1845, the reference to “their children” in the divorce papers would have to refer to at least one child having been fathered by William A. J. Malone, since at most there was time for her to have had one child by Charles. The latest date found in the divorce file was for the court’s September term, 1847, suggesting that her divorce was finalized that month.

It seems Evalina may have taken the threats by her second husband seriously, as on 8 Mar 1849 an “Evalina Harrison” married William McCrary, a tenant farmer, in De Witt County, Illinois (about 120 miles northeast of Gibson County). In the 1850 Census for McLean County, Illinois (abutting De Witt to the north) they are living with her daughters Pamelia, age 9 (b. 1841), and Eliza A., age 8 (b. 1842), both of whom were born in Indiana, though their surname is given as McCrary. We next find Evalina and William in the 1860 Census for Logan County, Illinois (immediately south of McLean County and west of De Witt County). Pamelia is no longer with them, though the

household includes Eliza A. "Malon," born about 1843. Both she and her mother are noted as having been born in Indiana.

Two of Evalina's brothers are found in the 1850 Census for De Witt County: William Gambrel; and Thompson Prettyman Gambrel. Thompson had married his second wife, the widow Rebecca (Barr) Marvel, in De Witt County on 8 Oct 1847 (Rebecca was the mother of Prettyman Marvel, Evalina's son-in-law). On page 301 of *History of De Witt County, Illinois* by W. R. Brink & Co. (1882) it states specifically that Thompson P. Gambrel came to Illinois in 1847, obviously some time prior to the date of his marriage on 8 Oct.

With her divorce at last finalized and her ex-husband representing a continued threat to the safety of her family, it makes sense that she had followed her brothers when, or shortly after, they had moved to De Witt County, Illinois. The distance from Gibson County, Indiana and the close proximity of her two older brothers likely made it a safe haven, with little fear that Charles would find her and cause any trouble.

In *History of the Marvel Family* by Ella Armstrong Yeakel (typescript, publication date unknown – circa 1920s), Pamelia E. Malone is noted as being the "child of Henry and Evaline Gambrel Malone," though the source of this information is not given. She notes that Pamelia was born on 27 Dec 1840 in Indiana and that she had married Prettyman Marvel. Yeakel suggests that they married in 1853 (with her being 13 years of age!) in De Witt County, Illinois. The marriage records for De Witt and adjoining McLean Counties are relatively complete for this time period and there is no record of their marriage, so Yeakel is almost certainly incorrect on this account. But there will be further discussion and analysis of their marriage in the following paragraphs. They eventually moved to Nebraska, where she died on 22 Oct 1898 (unfortunately, before death certificates were required). Her year of birth and place of birth, as well as that of her sister Eliza, corresponds well to the time span when Evalina was married to William A. J. Malone.

Because Pamelia was only thirteen years old when Prettyman's first son, William, was conceived, it is likely that Prettyman had a wife prior to her. Some researchers feel that marriage at such an early age was not unheard of at that time, but I can say with absolute certainty that such a marriage would have been *exceedingly* rare. For that place and time period, it is rare enough to find record of marriages for women who were less than 18 years old and few of those are for women younger than 16 years.

In seeking a means of better ascertaining the marriage date of Pamelia Malone and Prettyman Marvel, it was hoped his earliest born children could supply some clues, particularly the name of their mother. The first known child of Pamelia's husband, Prettyman, was William, who was born in 1854 and he did not live to see his second birthday. Thus he died before death certificates were required and can offer no assistance. Next was James T. Marvel, who was born 10 Feb 1857 (per his death certificate – Yeakel says 1856). The death record was obtained for James T. Marvel, a lifelong bachelor, but the mother's name was not known by the informant of his death

(Martha Welch), though his father was listed as “Peart Marvel.” It seems most likely that Pamelia married in Logan County around the time of the courthouse fire, when she would have been over sixteen years of age. With James T. Marvel being born early in 1857, it is possible that Prettyman’s first wife had died around the time of his birth. Thus, lacking any official record, mid-1857 in Logan County, Illinois would seem to be the most likely time of Pamelia’s marriage to Prettyman.

As to Evalina’s other daughter, on 7 Mar 1861 there is a record of Eliza A. Malone marrying “Henry Henney” in Logan County, Illinois (the correct transcription of his surname is Horney). He and Eliza are found in 1870 and 1880 Census records for De Witt County, Illinois. In 1885 they are found in the Kansas Census at Iuka, Pratt County, Kansas, where they both eventually died. They had at least two sons and one daughter together.

An 1870 Census record was not found for the family of Evalina and William McCrary. They were found in the 1880 Census, and William was also found in the 1900 Census, where his record states that they had been married 37 years and that he was at that time a widower. With their marriage occurring in 1849, that would put Evalina’s approximate year of death at 1886. Since she died before William, there would be no probate file for her that would offer any additional clues about her or her family. She also died before death certificates were required, thus there is no record of her parents’ names to provide direct proof of the relationships speculated thus far. Her grave, or that of William McCrary, has yet to be discovered, if one ever existed.

William A. J. Malone is a good fit for James’ as-yet-unnamed son born between 1810 and 1820, or any of the three similar sons of John. John Junior’s family already has an Andrew Jackson, so there is only the most remote chance that he would belong in that family. Thus, the best available match for William A. J. Malone is **unidentified child number five in James Malone, Senior’s family**.